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1 [For your information there was no reportable
2 action as a result of the Board of Supervisors'
3 closed session held today.]
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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. IF WE COULD GET EVERYONE TO
8 PLEASE HAVE A SEAT, WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING'S
9 MEETING. THIS MORNING, OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY FATHER
10 JIM NIEBLAS FROM LOS ANGELES. OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE
11 LED BY RUBEN R. TREJO, WHO IS WITH THE STATE EMPLOYMENT
12 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, NUMBER 39 OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN
13 VETERANS. WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND. FATHER?
14

15 **FATHER JIM NIEBLAS:** WE TAKE TIME TO REFLECT AND COUNT OUR
16 BLESSINGS. UNFORTUNATELY, WE ONLY USUALLY DO THIS IN A MOMENT
17 OF TRAGEDY OR WHEN WE HAVE TIME TO GIVE YOU PRAISE. HELP ME TO
18 STOP, LIKE I DO AT STARBUCKS, TO TAKE SOME TIME OUT. HELP ME
19 TO STOP AND TO SEE THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE AROUND ME,
20 ESPECIALLY MY FAMILY MEMBERS. HELP ME TO STOP AND REALIZE YOUR
21 BLESSINGS IN PROTECTING OUR COUNTY, OUR CITY. HELP ME TO STOP
22 AND REFLECT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS TO ME AS AN INDIVIDUAL TO OUR
23 CITY, TO OUR COUNTY, TO OUR COUNTRY. TODAY, HELP ME TO CONQUER
24 MY ANGER WITH GENTLENESS, GREED BY GENEROSITY, APATHY WITH
25 FERVOR. HELP ME TO FORGET MYSELF AND TO REACH OUT TOWARDS



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1 OTHERS. MAKE ME PRUDENT IN PLANNING, COURAGEOUS IN TAKING
2 RISKS, MAKE ME PATIENT IN SUFFERING AND UNASSURING IN
3 PROSPERITY. HELP ME TO HAVE A CLEAR CONSCIENCE AND CONDUCT
4 MYSELF WITH YOUR BLESSINGS. HELP ME TO STOP BLAMELESSLY FROM
5 HURTING OTHERS. HELP ME TO GIVE MY LIFE AND WELL-- TO GET MY
6 LIFE IN ORDER. HELP ME TO STOP. AMEN.

7

8 **RUBEN R. TREJO:** PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND
9 PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF
10 ALLEGIANCE]

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT IS INDEED MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO MAKE
13 A SPECIAL PRESENTATION, A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO
14 FATHER JIM NIEBLAS, WHO CURRENTLY SERVES AS A RECTOR AND
15 FATHER DIRECTOR OF THE SILESIAN CLUSTER COMMUNITY WITHIN THE
16 EAST LOS ANGELES AND CHINATOWN COMMUNITIES. HE OVERSEES FIVE
17 MINISTRIES, WHICH INCLUDES ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ST. BRIGIT'S
18 CHURCH, SILESIAN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, SILESIAN FAMILY YOUTH
19 CENTER AND BISHOP MORAS SILESIAN HIGH SCHOOL. FATHER NIEBLAS
20 GREW UP IN CALIFORNIA AND IS PROUD OF HIS NATIVE AMERICAN
21 HERITAGE. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE JUANOS TRIBE. HE WAS THE FIRST
22 OF HIS TRIBE TO BE ORDAINED AS A PRIEST AND HAS BEEN A
23 SILESIAN OF ST. JOHN BASCO FOR 38 YEARS. FATHER NIEBLAS HAS
24 ATTENDED EAST L.A. COLLEGE, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, THE
25 DOMINICAN SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY IN BERKELEY AND



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1 THE GRADUATE THEOLOGY UNION. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A
2 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO YOU, FATHER NIEBLAS. THANK YOU.
3 [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND WE WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION-- WE
6 WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION-- OR DO YOU WANT ME TO DO IT? OKAY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE
9 TO YOU TODAY RUBEN TREJO FROM PALMDALE, WHO SERVED AS A
10 SERGEANT, FIRST CLASS, IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY BETWEEN 1966
11 TO 1989 IN THE 30TH INFANTRY REGIMENT IN KOREA. HE WORKED FOR
12 THE EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, HE'S MARRIED WITH FOUR
13 CHILDREN, ATTENDED THE JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL IN PASADENA AND
14 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT LOS ANGELES. BUT WHAT RUBEN HAS
15 ALSO DONE, HE'S SERVED ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
16 VETERANS PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE, THAT WE SPONSOR EACH YEAR AT
17 ACADIA PARK. WHILE HE LIVES IN PALMDALE, HE WOULD DRIVE TO MY
18 SAN DIMAS FIELD OFFICE, WHERE MY SENIOR DEPUTY, JAY GOMEZ IS
19 THE SENIOR DEPUTY FOR THE 7:30 A.M. BOARD MEETING OF THE
20 EXECUTIVE BOARD. WE'VE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM EVERY
21 YEAR AND IT'S BY THE DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP THAT RUBEN HAS
22 GIVEN TO OUR VETERANS, SO WE APPRECIATE THAT AND THANK YOU FOR
23 COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN THE PRAYER. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS. BEFORE I
2 CALL OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CALL THE AGENDA, I'D LIKE TO
3 INTRODUCE SOME SPECIAL GUESTS THAT WE HAVE TODAY IN OUR
4 AUDIENCE. THEY ARE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM WITH
5 THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THEY'RE A GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY
6 FOR YOUNG LEADERS. WE HAVE OVER 20 LEADERS FROM SOUTH AMERICA
7 WHO HAVE JOINED US HERE THIS MORNING. THEY'RE GOING TO BE
8 LISTENING IN. WE'D LIKE YOU TO PLEASE... (SPEAKING SPANISH)...
9 WE WANT TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. [
10 APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** REPRESENTING ALL OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN
13 COUNTRIES. ALL RIGHT. AT THIS TIME, I'M GOING TO ASK OUR
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
17 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 6 AND THEN I'LL ANNOUNCE THE
18 CONTINUED ITEM UNDER THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THEN WE'LL PROCEED
19 TO ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. THE PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS WILL BE
20 TAKEN UP AFTER THE BOARD'S PRESENTATIONS. SO BEGINNING ON PAGE
21 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
22 COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

23



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
2 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON
3 THAT ITEM.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
6 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** UNDER THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, ON ITEM
12 NUMBER 6, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, SUPERVISOR KNABE
13 REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO
14 OCTOBER 25TH, 2005.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 9 THROUGH 17. ON ITEM NUMBER 11, INCLUDING
20 THE REVISIONS AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, HOLD FOR
21 SUPERVISORS MOLINA, KNABE AND ANTONOVICH.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM WILL BE HELD.

24

25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
3 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO
4 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEM 18.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEM 19.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
14 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 20 TO-- THROUGH
17 22. ON ITEM NUMBER 20, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK
18 CONTINUANCE AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY
21 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF
22 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** INTERNAL SERVICES, ITEM 23.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
2 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC LIBRARY. ON ITEM 24, HOLD FOR A
5 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM WILL BE HELD.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 25 AND 26.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ON ITEM 27, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF
15 THE PUBLIC.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE WILL HOLD THAT ITEM.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 28.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 29 THROUGH 32.
25 ITEM 29 IS BEFORE YOU FOR APPROVAL.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON ITEM NUMBER 29, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
3 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO
4 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 30, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S
7 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING A TAX EXEMPT BOND
8 FINANCING TO BE ISSUED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITY'S
9 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO
10 EXCEED \$175 MILLION FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS TO BENEFIT ADVENTIST
11 HEALTH, SYSTEM WEST AND CERTAIN AFFILIATES, INCLUDING WHITE
12 MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 31, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A TWO-
18 WEEK CONTINUANCE BUT WE DO HAVE REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE
19 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL HOLD THAT ITEM AND THEN
22 CONTINUE.

23



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALSO ON 32, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A TWO-
2 WEEK CONTINUANCE BUT WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM SUPERVISOR
3 ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL HOLD THAT ITEM AND THEN
6 CONTINUE THE ITEM.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
9 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
10 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
11 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON
12 ITEM 33-A, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT ITEM WILL BE HELD.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 33-B IS BEFORE YOU.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
19 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 33-C, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR
22 ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM WILL BE HELD.

25



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 33-D.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
4 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO
5 ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 33-E.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MYSELF, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
10 BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 33-F.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 33-G.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
20 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND 33-H.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
4 DISTRICT NO. 5.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A RECONSIDERATION. ITEM NUMBER
7 6, IT WAS INDICATED THAT I REQUESTED A CONTINUANCE. I DID NOT
8 REQUEST A CONTINUANCE. THAT'S EITHER COME FROM THE PLANNING
9 COMMISSION OR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON THE RECOMMENDED FOR
10 CONTINUANCE. SO...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT INSTEAD OF YOUR NAME...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, I'LL SUPPORT IT BUT, I MEAN, I WASN'T THE
15 ONE THAT NEEDED THE CONTINUANCE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO IF WE COULD JUST ADJUST THAT IT
18 WASN'T SUPERVISOR KNABE BUT THAT THERE HAS BEEN A REQUEST THAT
19 THAT ITEM BE CONTINUED?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED
24 ANYWAY.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. AND WE'LL CHECK OUT TO SEE WHOSE
2 NAME SHOULD BE ON THERE.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RIGHT. SO I THINK WE CAN MAKE THAT
5 ADJUSTMENT. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL BEGIN OUR PRESENTATIONS. IF
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL PERMIT ME, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT OUR
7 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH TO BEGIN WITH. WELL, I WANT TO WELCOME
8 AND I HOPE ALL OF US CAN JOIN IN WELCOME AND APPLAUD OUR
9 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER, PATRICIA FLORES. MISS
10 FLORES HAS BEEN WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THREE YEARS
11 AND IS CURRENTLY A LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE II WITH THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES SERVING AS A NURSE COORDINATOR
13 AT THE EDWARD R. ROYBAL COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER. AS THE
14 CENTER'S NURSE COORDINATOR, MISS FLORES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
15 ENSURING THAT VACCINATIONS, IMMUNIZATION SUPPLIES AND
16 LITERATURE ARE SUFFICIENT AT ALL TIMES. AS A RESULT OF HER
17 DILIGENCE, NO VACCINE SHORTAGES HAVE OCCURRED DURING HER
18 WATCH. MISS FLORES, WITH HER IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF
19 IMMUNIZATION-RELATED ISSUES AND INNOVATION AND DRIVE, WAS
20 ASSIGNED TO COORDINATE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IMMUNIZATION
21 NETWORK SYSTEM OR LINK. LINK IS AN INTERNET-BASED REGISTRY TO
22 PROVIDE AGENCIES DESIGNATED TO TRACK PATIENT IMMUNIZATION
23 HISTORY AND THE NEEDS ACROSS MULTIPLE PROVIDER SERVICE AREAS.
24 THIS SYSTEM HAS BENEFITED AND HAS BEEN EMBRACED BY BOTH
25 PATIENTS AND STAFF. HER DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO WORK ARE



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1 EVIDENT AND OF HER PASSION TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT SERVICES TO
2 ALL OF HER PATIENTS. FURTHERMORE, IN HER QUEST TO PROMOTE
3 LITERACY AMONGST PATIENTS, MISS FLORES HAS DONATED OVER 50
4 BOOKS TO THE CENTER'S OUT AND READ PROGRAM. PATRICIA, WE WANT
5 TO RECOGNIZE YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK, WE'RE VERY PROUD
6 OF YOU AS OUR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AND WE WANT TO PRESENT YOU
7 WITH AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR ALL
8 OF YOUR WORK, AS WELL AS THE PIN THAT GOES WITH IT AS EMPLOYEE
9 OF THE MONTH. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10 [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BEFORE I ALLOW PATRICIA TO JOIN US AND
13 SPEAK, I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE HER PARENTS, WHO ARE HERE.
14 WE WELCOME YOU. AS WELL AS HER SUPERVISOR, HARRY FUERERA.
15 THANK YOU, SIR. AND AS WELL AS THE C.E.O., MR. DELGADO, FROM
16 L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. SO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT
17 PATRICIA FIRST, OR-- PLEASE. AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW
18 PATRICIA TO SPEAK.

19

20 **HARRY FUERERA:** ON BEHALF OF EDWARD R. ROYBAL COMPREHENSIVE
21 HEALTH CENTER, WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT PATRICIA HAS
22 DONE AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO GET THIS
23 AWARD, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. PATRICIA?



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2 **PATRICIA FLORES:** WELL, FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO THE CHAIR
3 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HERE FOR GIVING ME SUCH AN HONOR.
4 I'D LIKE TO THANK MY BOSS, HARRY, PETE, AND ALL MY COWORKERS
5 AT ROYBAL AND JUST EVERYBODY FOR BEING SUCH GOOD TEAM PLAYERS.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT I'M GOING TO CALL ON SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH FOR HIS PRESENTATIONS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING, WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME DAVID
14 HOUSTON, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LOS ANGELES CITIZENS
15 AGAINST LAWSUIT ABUSE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, KNOWN AS CALA.
16 TODAY THE BOARD PROCLAIMED THE WEEK AS LAWSUIT ABUSE AWARENESS
17 WEEK THROUGH OCTOBER 3RD THROUGH THE 7TH TO PROTECT CALIFORNIA
18 CONSUMERS AND BUSINESS AND FAMILIES. THE PROCLAMATION, AS I
19 SAID, IS DECLARING THIS LAWSUIT ABUSE MONTH. TO FIND OUT MORE
20 HOW YOU CAN HELP, THERE IS A LOG THAT YOU CAN-- ON THE WEB
21 PAGE YOU CAN CONTACT THEM. SO, AT THIS TIME, DAVID, WE'D LIKE
22 TO GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION.

23

24 **DAVID HOUSTON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THANK YOU.
25 I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY COLLEAGUES, PETER BYLSMA IN MY



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1 CORNER. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS HONOR AND FOR SUPPORTING
2 US AS WE KICK OFF NATIONAL LAWSUIT ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK.
3 CITIZENS AGAINST LAWSUIT ABUSE WAS FOUNDED IN 1993 IN LOS
4 ANGELES AND IS ONE OF SIX ACTIVE CALA GROUPS IN CALIFORNIA
5 WITH SUPPORTERS NUMBERING OF 30,000 CALIFORNIANS NOW. CALA IS
6 THE ONLY GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE WORKING TO
7 EDUCATE CITIZENS ON THE IMPACT OF LAWSUIT ABUSE. CALA IS
8 COMPRISED OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, ORDINARY CITIZENS, MEDICAL
9 PROFESSIONALS AND MANY OTHERS. WE PUT A HUMAN FACE ON THE
10 PROBLEMS CAUSED BY OUR OUT OF CONTROL LEGAL SYSTEM AND WE
11 ACTIVELY CHALLENGE THOSE WHO SEEK PRIVATE GAIN, PERSONAL GAIN
12 FROM THE ABUSES OF THE SYSTEM. CALA COULD NOT ACHIEVE THIS
13 MISSION WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR COMMUNITY
14 AND EACH OF YOU ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S MY PRIVILEGE
15 TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF CALA AND THE THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS
16 THAT SUPPORT US. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE SPANIEL MIX, TASSY, A
19 FEMALE THREE-YEAR-OLD, WHO'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SHE COMES
20 WITH A RED SWEATER. LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GOT A LITTLE DACHSHUND
21 WITH THE SPANIEL. SO ANYBODY'D LIKE TO ADOPT TASSY CAN CALL
22 THE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR TELEVISION SCREEN, (562) 728-
23 4644 AND LITTLE TASSY CAN BE YOURS.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IF WE COULD GET THE SIDES TO BE
2 A LITTLE QUIETER HERE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ALL OF OUR STAFFS A
3 LITTLE BIT MORE ATTENTION. I HAVE A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION
4 THIS MORNING. PLEASE JOIN US. I'M JOINED THIS MORNING BY DR.
5 MARLENE LUGG FROM THE CALIFORNIA ADULT IMMUNIZATION COALITION,
6 AS WELL AS MELISSA MOORE AND-- OKAY, WHO IS HERE AS WELL. THEY
7 ARE JOINING ME HERE BECAUSE WE'RE PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF
8 SEPTEMBER 25TH TO OCTOBER THE 1ST AS NATIONAL ADULT
9 IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS WEEK. VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES ARE
10 RESPONSIBLE FOR NUMEROUS ILLNESSES, WE ALL KNOW THAT, AND, OF
11 COURSE, DEATHS NATIONALLY, AS WELL AS AT OUR STATE LEVEL AND
12 AS WELL AS THE COUNTY LEVEL. WE ALL THINK THAT VACCINATIONS
13 ARE ABOUT INFANTS AND CHILDREN, BUT WE MUST REMEMBER THAT
14 TEENS, ADULTS AND OUR SENIORS ALL NEED IMMUNIZATIONS TO
15 PROTECT THEM AS WELL FROM DANGEROUS ILLNESSES. OVER 70% OF
16 L.A. COUNTY'S RESIDENTS ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER AND MANY
17 OF THESE RESIDENTS ARE AT RISK FROM VERY SERIOUS DISEASES SUCH
18 AS INFLUENZA, PNEUMONIA, MUMPS, HEPATITIS A AND B AND, OF
19 COURSE, TETANUS. EACH YEAR, FLU AND ITS COMPLICATIONS KILL AN
20 AVERAGE OF 36,000 PEOPLE NATIONWIDE, 90% OF WHOM ARE ELDERLY
21 OR ADULTS WITH CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS. THE DIRECT AND
22 INDIRECT MEDICAL COSTS OF UNVACCINATED ADULTS CAN REACH UP TO
23 \$12 BILLION, CAUSING INCREASED DEMAND ON OUR RESOURCES AND OUR
24 HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS. THERE ARE VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE
25 TO PREVENT THESE DISEASES. HOWEVER, MANY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 ADULTS RESIDENTS HAVE NOT RECEIVED THESE IMMUNIZATIONS AND
2 REMAIN UNPROTECTED FROM VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES. WE'D
3 LIKE TO THANK THE L.A. COUNTY IMMUNIZATION PROJECT AND THE
4 CALIFORNIA ADULT IMMUNIZATION COALITION FOR THEIR WORK AND WE
5 WANT TO URGE ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO INFORM
6 THEIR ADULT RESIDENTS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THESE
7 IMMUNIZATIONS AND CERTAINLY TO PROTECT THEMSELVES BUT IT IS MY
8 HONOR TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO THE GOOD DOCTOR WHO HAS
9 BEEN A LEADER IN THIS AREA. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US.

10

11 **DR. MARLENE LUGG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, PLEASE JOIN US. DR.
14 FIELDING HAS JOINED US AS WELL. DR. LUGG, WOULD YOU SHARE A
15 FEW WORDS, PLEASE?

16

17 **DR. MARLENE LUGG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ON BEHALF OF
18 THE LOS ANGELES IMMUNIZATION COALITION, WHICH I CHAIR, AND THE
19 STATE ADULT IMMUNIZATION COALITION, OF WHICH I'M A MEMBER OF
20 THE STEERING COMMITTEE, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS
21 FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP. YOU KNOW, WE'RE OUT THERE TRYING VERY
22 HARD TO IMMUNIZE, TO OFFER IMMUNIZATIONS TO EVERYONE WHO NEEDS
23 THEM, REGARDLESS OF AGE, FROM BIRTH TO SENIOR CITIZENS, AND
24 THE LOS ANGELES IMMUNIZATION COALITION IS-- CONSISTS OF OVER
25 100 ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS COUNTY THAT ARE WORKING TOGETHER



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1 TOWARDS THAT END. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS AND I HOPE
2 THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR DESIRES TO IMMUNIZE ALL
3 WHO NEED IMMUNIZATIONS AND THEREBY REDUCE THE INFECTIOUS
4 DISEASES IN THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. LUGG. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DR. FIELDING, WOULD YOU LIKE TO...

9

10 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THE FLU SEASON IS CLOSE AND THIS IS A
11 GOOD TIME FOR THOSE AT HIGH RISK TO CONTACT THEIR PHYSICIANS
12 AND TALK ABOUT GETTING IMMUNIZED AGAINST THE FLU AND, IF YOU
13 ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE, TO GET THAT IF
14 YOU'RE AT HIGH RISK AND WE IN THE COUNTY WILL BE ANNOUNCING A
15 SCHEDULE OF OUTREACH CLINICS FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE OTHER
16 SOURCES OF CARE WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
21 LEADERSHIP. SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP MR. WALTER WATKINS. IS HE
24 HERE? IS THIS MR. WATKINS COMING FORWARD? WALTER WATKINS HAS
25 BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SINCE 1956. HE



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1 HAS MADE LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE THROUGH
2 THE VOLUNTEERISM WITH VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. HE MAY
3 BE BEST KNOWN FOR HIS YEARS OF TEACHING T'AI CHI, A FORM OF
4 EXERCISE AND MEDITATION ORIGINALLY DERIVED FROM THE MARTIAL
5 ARTS; VERY, VERY POPULAR IN CHINA, OF COURSE. HE'S BEEN
6 TEACHING IT IN VIEW PARK, BALDWIN HILLS AND THE CRENSHAW AREA.
7 HE ORIGINALLY WORKED FOR THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, THEN HE WENT
8 ON TO WORK AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
9 SOCIAL SERVICES. HE RETIRED IN 1980 AFTER 17 YEARS OF PUBLIC
10 SERVICE WITH THE COUNTY. TODAY, WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO
11 RECOGNIZE WALTER WATKINS FOR HIS PUBLIC COMMUNITY SERVICE AS
12 HE CELEBRATES THE MILESTONE OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY.
13 CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY, MANY HAPPY RETURNS. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** HERE. WHY DON'T YOU SAY A WORD.

16

17 **WALTER WATKINS:** WELL, ONE TIME I DON'T HAVE THE WORDS FOR IT,
18 THEY PULL ONE ON ME. I DIDN'T KNOW THIS. ANYWAY, THANK YOU
19 VERY MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU'RE A GREAT TESTAMENT TO T'AI CHI, I WANT TO
22 SAY THAT. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DR. WILBERT JORDAN. DR.
25 WILBERT JORDAN IS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE OASIS CLINIC AT



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1 KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER, WHICH SPECIALIZES IN THE DIAGNOSIS
2 AND TREATMENT OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. HE COMPLETED HIS
3 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE AT HARVARD, RECEIVED HIS M.D. DEGREE FROM
4 CASE WESTERN RESERVE. HE HAS A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED
5 PROFESSIONAL HISTORY IN THE STUDY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE, THEIR
6 CAUSE AND TREATMENT. IN 1973, HE JOINED THE NATIONAL CENTER
7 FOR DISEASE CONTROL, WHERE HE WAS INVOLVED IN SEVERAL
8 EPIDEMIOLOGY STUDIES OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE AND THE
9 LASSA FEVER OUTBREAK. HE ALSO SPENT AN EXTENDED TOUR WITH THE
10 WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, STUDYING SMALLPOX ERADICATION
11 PROGRAMS IN INDIA. IN 1976, HE BECAME A ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON
12 CLINICAL SCHOLAR AT U.C.L.A., WHERE HE EARNED HIS MASTER'S
13 DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH. TWO YEARS LATER, HE JOINED KING DREW
14 AS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF UTILIZATION REVIEW.
15 HE LATER WENT ON TO SERVE AS ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR POSTGRADUATE
16 EDUCATION FOR DREW UNIVERSITY AND AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
17 POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR KING HOSPITAL. IN 1979, DR.
18 JORDAN TREATED WHAT HE LATER RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE FIRST
19 A.I.D.S. CASES IN THE UNITED STATES. 1983, HE REPORTED THE
20 FIRST CASE OF A.I.D.S. IN A HETEROSEXUAL IN LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY. SINCE THEN, HE HAS SEEN AND TREATED MORE THAN 3,000
22 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. PATIENTS. HE'S RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS,
23 INCLUDING THE CHARLES R. DREW MEDICAL SOCIETY...

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MS. BURKE, IF YOU WOULD PERMIT ME. COULD
2 WE HAVE EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE PLEASE BE A LITTLE BIT MORE
3 QUIET? WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M SORRY,
4 MS. BURKE.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS,
7 INCLUDING THE CHARLES R. DREW MEDICAL SOCIETY DOCTOR OF THE
8 YEAR IN 1992. IN 2000, HE RECEIVED THE SURGEON GENERAL'S
9 AWARD. THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE BENEFITED GREATLY
10 FROM DR. JORDON'S SERVICE AS CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
11 COMMISSION ON H.I.V./A.I.D.S. FROM 1993 TO 1995. I'M PROUD TO
12 SAY HE REPRESENTED MY SECOND DISTRICT OFFICE ON THIS
13 COMMISSION. HE ALSO SERVED ON THE COUNTY'S H.I.V. PLANNING
14 COUNCIL AND THE PREVENTION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE SINCE THEIR
15 INCEPTION. DUE TO THE RESTRUCTURING CHANGES ON THE COMMISSION
16 ON H.I.V. HEALTH SERVICES, DR. JORDAN IS RESIGNING SO THAT MY
17 OTHER COMMISSIONER, KERRY B. BRODIE, WILL CONTINUE TO
18 REPRESENT THE SECOND DISTRICT. I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
19 TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE AND ADMIRATION FOR DR. JORDAN'S HIGH
20 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND FOR HIS DEVOTED SERVICE. I KNOW SO
21 MANY PEOPLE WHO HE HAS SAVED THEIR LIVES OR, EVEN IF THEY WERE
22 NOT ABLE TO RECOVER FROM H.I.V./A.I.D.S., HE MADE THEIR LAST
23 DAYS MUCH HAPPIER AND WAS ABLE TO GIVE THEM THE KIND OF
24 TREATMENT THAT THEY DESERVED. AND I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR ALL



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1 OF HIS SERVICE TO SO MANY PEOPLE, THOSE 3,000 HE'S SERVED OVER
2 THESE YEARS. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **DR. WILBERT C. JORDAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, THANK YOU FOR THIS
5 AWARD. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING ON THE COMMISSION AS WELL
6 AS IN THE CLINIC. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN
7 STARTING THE SECOND DISTRICT COALITION AND ALL THE THINGS THAT
8 I THINK MYSELF AND MY PATIENTS HAVE NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE
9 YEARS. YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR US. I THINK LEADERSHIP IS
10 IMPORTANT IN ANY ISSUE, AS WE'VE SEEN WITH KATRINA. AND I
11 THINK, WITH H.I.V., WE ARE MUCH FURTHER ALONG BECAUSE WE'VE
12 HAD GOOD LEADERSHIP HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW OASIS CLINIC
15 SOON. I'M GOING TO CALL UP JENESSE CENTER AND KAREN EARL FOR A
16 SCROLL PRESENTATION. IS SHE HERE? KAREN? YES. I'D ALSO LIKE TO
17 CALL MAURICE TAYLOR AND KAREN EARL BOTH UP TO THE FRONT.
18 MAURICE TAYLOR IS NOT HERE. JENESSE CENTER IS THE OLDEST
19 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES.
20 IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1980 BY 5 AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN WHO WERE
21 SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THEIR MISSION WAS TO PROVIDE
22 VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE CENTRALIZED
23 BASE OF SUPPORT TO ASSIST THEM IN CONFRONTING THE CRISIS THEY
24 FACED AND IN CHANGING THE PATTERN OF THEIR LIVES. THE JENESSE
25 CENTER HAS BEEN A RESOUNDING SUCCESS AND, EVERY YEAR, MORE



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1 THAN 500 WOMEN ENTER THE CENTER'S DOOR TO BEGIN A 30-DAY
2 EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM. THERE, THE WOMEN FIND NOT ONLY
3 SANCTUARY BUT ALSO LEGAL ADVOCACY, JOB TRAINING, COMPREHENSIVE
4 HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTHCARE, AND HEALTH
5 EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAM. THE WOMEN MAY LIVE AT THE
6 EMERGENCY CENTER WITH THEIR CHILDREN FOR UP TO 30 DAYS. AFTER
7 THAT, THEY MAY GO ON TO ONE OF FIVE TRANSITIONAL CENTERS
8 AND/OR SHELTERS. THE CENTER HAS MADE SUCCESS IN MANY INSTANCES
9 AND THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN PART OF THE COMMUNITY FOR 25
10 YEARS IS PROOF OF THAT. AND I'M VERY PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THE
11 CENTER FOR ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY AND TO RECOGNIZE ITS EXECUTIVE
12 DIRECTOR, KAREN EARL, FOR HER ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
13 VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **KAREN EARL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. IT IS A HONOR TO BE
16 HERE TODAY, IT REALLY IS AND ALSO I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS
17 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO MANY
18 TIMES WHEN I'M ASKED TO SPEAK ABOUT MY EXPERIENCE WITH JENESSE
19 CENTER, I THINK ABOUT DR. MARGUERITE ARCHIE HUDSON, WHO WAS
20 THE SUPERVISOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF AT ONE TIME. IN THE '80S,
21 MARGUERITE WAS WORKING WITH JENESSE AND SHE TOLD ME THERE WAS
22 A GROUP OF WOMEN IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES WHO HAD STARTED JENESSE
23 AND SHE SAID THEY HAD A GOOD IDEA BUT THEY NEEDED SOME HELP.
24 MARGUERITE BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD AND SHE HAD MORE
25 ENERGY AND, WORKING WITH HER, I DISCOVERED THAT THERE ARE NO



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1 BOUNDARIES WHEN IT COMES TO ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING
2 PROGRAMS TO HELP THE COMMUNITY. JENESSE HAS TURNED INTO AN
3 AMAZING PLACE. WE HAVE A STAFF WHO WANTS TO WORK WITH THE
4 UNSERVED. WE ARE PRODUCING THREE WORKBOOKS THAT CAN BE USED BY
5 OTHER AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO WORK WITH
6 UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS. WE HAVE SPECIAL FRIENDS
7 LIKE AUDREY QUARRELS, WHO ALWAYS TAKES CARE OF US.
8 REPRESENTING THE BOARD TODAY IS FELICIA SHAMU. I JUST LOVE
9 HER. WE HAVE FRIENDS LIKE WILLIAM ALLEN YOUNG AND VIDA SPEARS
10 WHO, THIS PAST WEEKEND, I LOOK OUT HERE AND SEE SOME PROBATION
11 OFFICERS BUT WE SPENT LAST WEEKEND THERE JUDGING A TALENT
12 SHOW, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY 150 YOUTHS. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE
13]

14

15 **KAREN EARL:** DIDN'T KNOW YOU WOULD BE HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE
16 WERE THERE BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND PREVENTION. AND, RECENTLY, WE
17 HAVE EVEN ADOPTED FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY KATRINA
18 BECAUSE CRISIS IS CRISIS. SUPERVISOR BURKE, I JUST WANT TO
19 SAY, ON SO MANY OCCASIONS, YOUR STAFF AND YOU HAVE BEEN THERE
20 FOR JENESSE AND WHAT WE APPRECIATE ABOUT YOU IS YOU'RE NOT
21 ONLY THERE FOR JENESSE BUT FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE GRATEFUL
22 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD AND, BEFORE I LEAVE, I REALLY
23 WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SUPPORT US AND TO SUPPORT OUR
24 CIVIL ROSE EVENT, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER THE 9TH.
25 YOU CAN CALL US AND OUR WEBSITE IS JENESSE.ORG, J-E-N-E-S-S-E



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1 AND OUR EVENT IS PART OF A YEAR OF GIVING CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS
2 CHAIRED BY HALLE BERRY AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT JENESSE
3 CAN CONTINUE ITS WORK DURING GOOD TIMES AND BAD. AND, AGAIN,
4 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I SHOULD TELL THEM, USUALLY WHEN THEY HAVE
7 THAT EVENT, THEY HAVE AN AUCTION OF A DINNER WITH HALLE BERRY,
8 RIGHT? SO IF YOU HAVE THE DOLLARS YOU WANT TO GIVE TO JENESSE,
9 THAT'S A GREAT WAY TO GIVE IT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR
12 PRESENTATIONS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK SISTER UNA
15 CONNOLLY TO COME FORWARD, AND I THINK SOME OF THE OTHERS ARE
16 HERE. SISTER CARMEL AND YOUR BOARD MEMBERS, IF YOU'D LIKE TO
17 COME UP, THAT'S FINE, TOO, BECAUSE WE'RE HERE TO HONOR A VERY
18 SPECIAL WOMAN. HOW ARE YOU? MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
19 SISTER UNA CONNOLLY, I'M GOING TO GET THIS-- I WANT TO MAKE A
20 COLONIALIST OUT OF YOU. SISTER UNA CONNOLLY WAS BORN IN
21 GALWAY, IRELAND, BUT CAME HERE IN 1983 WHEN SHE WAS MISSIONED
22 TO THE UNITED STATES TO THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO. SHE HAS
23 SERVED AS THE VALLEY FAMILY CENTER'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHICH
24 SHE FOUNDED 22 YEARS AGO. HER MISSION AND HER DREAM WAS TO
25 OPEN A CENTER THAT WOULD PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING TO



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1 LOW INCOME FAMILIES. SISTER UNA IS A LICENSED MARRIAGE AND
2 FAMILY THERAPIST HERSELF. SHE WORKED AT ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL AS
3 WELL AS DIRECTING YOUTH FROM SYLMAR JUVENILE HALL AS SHE
4 WORKED TOWARDS OPENING THE VALLEY FAMILY CENTER. WHEN SISTER
5 UNA STARTED THE VALLEY FAMILY CENTER, IT WAS IN A MODEST
6 COMPLEX APARTMENT AND, TODAY, IT'S A 10,000-SQUARE-FOOT
7 FACILITY ASSISTING OVER 1,500 UNDUPLICATED CLIENTS EACH YEAR.
8 CURRENTLY, THE CENTER IS AT ANOTHER PARAMOUNT JUNCTURE IN ITS
9 HISTORY, AS PLANS ARE UNDER WAY TO ONCE AGAIN EXPAND THE
10 PRESENT FACILITY THAT WILL ALLOW FOR A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN
11 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. SISTER UNA IS AN INCREDIBLE,
12 TENACIOUS WOMAN WHO NEVER TAKES NO FOR AN ANSWER AND SHE
13 REMAINS AN ACTIVIST IN EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY. SHE STRIVES
14 TO LIVE BY ONE OF HER FAVORITE QUOTES: "YOU SEE THINGS AND SAY
15 WHY BUT I DREAM THINGS THAT NEVER WERE AND ASK WHY NOT?" I'VE
16 KNOWN SISTER UNA SINCE I BECAME A COUNTY SUPERVISOR
17 REPRESENTING THAT PORTION OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WHICH SHE
18 SERVES AND THERE IS NO AGENCY THAT COMBINES THE RESOURCES,
19 THE-- NOW, HAS A PHYSICAL PLANT AND A GROWING ONE WITH A HEART
20 AND SOUL TO MATCH AND SISTER UNA AND HER COLLEAGUE, SISTER
21 CARMEL, WHO I WILL ASK TO SAY A WORD IN A SECOND, THESE TWO
22 INDIVIDUALS HAVE PERSONIFIED THE LOVE AND THE CARING THAT HAS
23 EMANATED FROM THIS CENTER. NOW SISTER UNA HAS MADE A DECISION
24 TO RETIRE. I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO RETIRE BUT YOU'RE
25 CERTAINLY GOING TO RETIRE FROM THIS POSITION AND FIND SOME



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1 OTHER WAY TO CHANNEL YOUR ENERGIES BUT IT WILL BE A GREAT VOID
2 THAT WILL BE CREATED AT THE CENTER AND IN THE NORTHEAST SAN
3 FERNANDO VALLEY. I AM HONORED TO JOIN WITH MY COLLEAGUES,
4 SISTER UNA, IN PRESENTING YOU THIS PROCLAMATION, THANKING YOU
5 FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY, FOR YOUR LOVE, FOR
6 YOUR CHARITY, FOR YOUR DECENCY AND YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE
7 INDIVIDUALS THAT WE ALL COME ACROSS FROM TIME TO TIME WHERE,
8 WHEN YOU CALL, WE JUST SAY, "WHAT DO YOU NEED?" AND WE'RE
9 THERE, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO IS GOING
10 TO BE RIGHT AND THAT THE RESOURCES THAT YOU GET FROM THE
11 COMMUNITY AND A LITTLE BIT FROM THE COUNTY WILL GO TO GOOD
12 USE. YOU HAVE NEVER FAILED TO DELIVER, YOU HAVE NEVER
13 DISAPPOINTED US AND, ABOVE ALL, YOU HAVE NEVER DISAPPOINTED
14 THE PEOPLE WHOM YOU SERVE. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND BEST
15 WISHES TO YOU IN THE YEARS AHEAD. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SISTER UNA CONNOLLY:** SUPERVISOR ZEV, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
18 THIS WONDERFUL PRESENTATION. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE. AND, 22
19 YEARS AGO, I DID NOT COME TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THIS HONOR
20 BUT, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, IT MEANS AN AWFUL LOT TO US. I'M
21 ACCEPTING IT ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY OF SAN FERNANDO, ON
22 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE
23 BEEN PART OF VALLEY FAMILY CENTER SINCE ITS BEGINNING. I WANT
24 TO THANK VERY MUCH SUPERVISOR ZEV FOR YOUR INTEREST IN VALLEY
25 FAMILY CENTER. CERTAINLY, YOU HAVE DEDICATED A LOT OF YOUR



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1 TIME TO THIS AGENCY. YOU'RE AN INSPIRATION IN YOUR WORK AND
2 WHAT YOU DO FOR THE COMMUNITY AND I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL. YES,
3 YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION. I WANT TO THANK YOUR STAFF. ADENA
4 SOLOMON, WHO WORKED WITH US FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND ALSO LORRI
5 FREELER, WHO HAS BEEN THERE FOR US AND, IF WE MAKE A PHONE
6 CALL, WE'RE SURE THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET A WONDERFUL RECEPTION
7 FROM SUPERVISOR ZEV'S OFFICE. THANK YOU. ALSO, I WANT TO THANK
8 OUR STAFF AT VALLEY FAMILY CENTER. SISTER CARMEL, GARY, OUR
9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LIZ AND PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT ARE HERE
10 THIS MORNING SUPPORTING THE CENTER, COMING ALL THE WAY FROM
11 SAN FERNANDO TO BE HERE. MARIA LEVA AND LIZ ARE OUT THERE.
12 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING. ALSO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD
13 OF DIRECTORS. YOU KNOW, THE BOARD TRIED TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO
14 SOMETIMES, AND IT'S VERY HELPFUL, BUT THEY'RE EXTREMELY
15 SUPPORTIVE, BUT I HAVE TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, ONE HAS TO HAVE
16 A VISION AND HAVING THE BOARD BEHIND THE VISION IS WHAT MAKES
17 ALL THE DIFFERENCE. I WANT TO THANK MY COMMUNITY... [APPLAUSE
18]

19

20 **SISTER UNA CONNOLLY:** I'M NOT DONE YET. I'M NOT FINISHED YET. I
21 WANT TO THANK MY OWN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY, JUST A FANTASTIC
22 GROUP OF WOMEN WHO HAVE WORKED FOR THE POOR AND THE PEOPLE WHO
23 ARE VERY OFTEN PASSED OVER, WHAT SOME CALL THE LITTLE PEOPLE.
24 MY COMMUNITY IS BEHIND ME AND SISTER CARMEL AND I AM DEEPLY
25 GRATEFUL TO BE A SISTER OF CHARITY AND TO BE ABLE TO SERVE THE



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1 PEOPLE, NOT JUST SAN FERNANDO BUT WHEREVER I'M MISSIONED TO.
2 THANK YOU, SISTER OUT THERE, KATHLEEN AND MARY. AND I ALSO
3 WANT TO SAY, I'M NOT A NEWCOMER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
4 ACTUALLY, I SAT IN THAT DESK ABOUT A FEW YEARS AGO AFTER THE
5 EARTHQUAKE AND I APPEALED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DO
6 SOMETHING ABOUT HEALTHCARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAN FERNANDO. AND
7 OUT OF THAT, YOU KNOW, YELLING AND SCREAMING UP HERE, CAME A
8 BEAUTIFUL NEW HEALTH CENTER FOR SAN FERNANDO. NOW I KNOW
9 THEY'VE MOVED TO BALBOA BOULEVARD BUT THANK YOU, BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SISTER UNA CONNOLLY:** AND ONE FINAL WORD. IT'S THE HEART THAT
13 VALLEY FAMILY CENTER HAS THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE BUT IT'S
14 THE PEOPLE, THE STAFF OF VALLEY FAMILY CENTER WHO HAVE THE
15 HEART FOR THE PEOPLE AND I WANT TO THANK EACH ONE OF YOU,
16 CARMEL, GARY, LIZ, AND EVERYBODY AND OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
17 THANKS VERY MUCH. AND, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR ZEV, THANK YOU FOR
18 THIS. I SHALL TREASURE THIS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIR, YOU CAN SEE WHY WE ALWAYS TAKE
23 HER CALLS. THAT IRISH BROGUE IS JUST TOO MUCH TO OVERLOOK, AND
24 THANK YOU ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR YOUR CONTINUED
25 GOOD WORK AT THE VALLEY FAMILY CENTER. THANK YOU.



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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR
3 PRESENTATIONS, PLEASE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
6 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL UP PASTOR
7 HERRERA, OUR DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS. AND JOINING HIM ARE
8 PARTICIPANTS OF THE JUSTICECORPS PROGRAM: EVELYN BARBARA,
9 HEIDI BENDANA, CRYSTAL BRUNO, SHANU DINES, DAN DUNCAN, CINDY
10 ESPINOSA, JOSE MIHA, MARGIE MOSLEY, MICHELLE PANJONIAN, JESUS
11 PINEDO, CHALANARI RAMOS, JEANETTE SANTANA AND HOWARD STOCKING.
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS PARTNERED WITH THE SUPERIOR
13 COURT OF CALIFORNIA IN CREATING THE FIRST JUSTICECORPS PROGRAM
14 IN THE NATION. FUNDED BY GRANTS FROM AMERICOR AND THE
15 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, JUSTICECORPS
16 PRESENTS AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TOWARDS SOLVING THE PROBLEM
17 PROVIDING EQUAL ACCESS TO THE COURTS. OF THE 100 JUSTICECORPS
18 INTERNS THAT WERE RECRUITED, 13 OF THEM WERE ASSIGNED TO THE
19 DEPARTMENT'S SMALL CLAIMS ADVISORY AND DISPUTE SERVICE
20 PROGRAM. WE RECRUITED FROM FOUR UNIVERSITIES: U.C.L.A., CAL
21 STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE AND CAL STATE UNIVERSITY OF
22 DOMINGO HILLS AS WELL AS CAL POLY POMONA. THESE INTERNS WERE
23 ASKED TO MAKE A 300-HOUR COMMITMENT DURING ONE ACADEMIC YEAR.
24 ONCE ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, THE
25 INTERNS RECEIVED 50 TO 60 HOURS OF TRAINING IN SMALL CLAIMS



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1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND THE MAJORITY WERE TRAINED AS MEDIATORS
2 AND COLLECTIVELY VOLUNTEERED SOME 3,000 HOURS. THE TOTAL IN-
3 KIND CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WAS ALMOST
4 \$75,000. SO, ON BEHALF MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE
5 TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO PASTOR, THE INDIVIDUAL INTERNS HAD
6 BEEN PRESENTED EARLIER BUT WE WANT TO SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS
7 FOR A JOB WELL DONE AND AN INCREDIBLE COMMITMENT. AND WE KNOW
8 THAT, WITH ALL THOSE HOURS, THEY HAVE HELPED A LOT OF PEOPLE
9 AND HAVE EXPEDITED THE PROCESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ALL OF
10 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **PASTOR HERRERA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND BOARD
13 MEMBERS. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY AND THIS HONOR
14 TO RECOGNIZE OUR AMERICOR JUSTICECORPS VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS
15 WITH OUR DEPARTMENT. WE DEVELOPED THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
16 SUPERIOR COURT AS A PILOT PROGRAM AND IT'S SO SUCCESSFUL THAT
17 WE ARE CONTINUING OUR EFFORT TO BRING IN ADDITIONAL INTERNS
18 FROM MANY LOCAL COLLEGES TO ASSIST US WITH OUR SMALL CLAIMS
19 COURT ADVISOR PROGRAM AND OUR MEDIATION PROGRAM. AND WE REALLY
20 ARE VERY PROUD OF THESE YOUNG INTERNS, THE YOUNG STUDENTS, THE
21 FUTURE OF OUR COUNTY, OF OUR STATE AND OUR NATION AND WE
22 REALLY CONGRATULATE THEM FOR MEETING THEIR OBLIGATION AND ALSO
23 FOR SERVING SO MANY SMALL CLAIMS COURT LITIGANTS AND SO MANY
24 MEDIATIONS THAT THEY CONDUCTED. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR
25 STAFF THAT REALLY ASSISTED IN PUTTING THIS PROGRAM TOGETHER.



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1 DEBORAH WILLIAMS FROM OUR MEDIATION PROGRAM AND NICK AKINO,
2 THAT WERE VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN WORKING DAY-TO-DAY WITH OUR
3 INTERNS IN THIS PROGRAM. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU,
4 BOARD AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. APPRECIATE IT. [
5 APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK CRISTINA KELLY, THE EXECUTIVE
8 DIRECTOR OF LUPUS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, TO COME UP HERE
9 AND JOINING HER ARE SOME MEMBERS FROM THE L.A. COUNTY
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SERGEANT ROCK PATULLO, DEPUTIES R. J.
11 JUAREZ, DEPUTY ROBERTA COHEN AND CUSTODY ASSISTANTS, MARGARITA
12 TURPIN, ANTOINETTE BOWEN AND REGINA CHAVEZ. ALSO WITH THEM--
13 SHHH. ALSO WITH THEM IS C.H.P. SERGEANT NANCY BOWER AND WE
14 APPRECIATE NANCY BEING WITH US AS WELL THIS MORNING. AS MANY
15 OF YOU OUT THERE KNOW, THEY LOST A FELLOW OFFICER, OFFICER
16 DAVID ROMERO, WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED THIS PAST WEEK, SO WE
17 APPRECIATE HER BEING HERE. IT'S OUR PRIVILEGE TO PROCLAIM
18 OCTOBER AS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE'S
19 PARTICIPATION IN THE UPCOMING LUPUS RACE OF LIFE AT THE LA
20 MIRADA REGIONAL PARK. LUPUS IS A VERY COMPLEX LIFE-THREATENING
21 DISEASE THAT AFFECTS OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND SOUTHERN
22 CALIFORNIANS, MANY OF THEM WHO COULD BE YOUR WIFE, MOTHER,
23 FRIEND, CO-WORKERS, DAUGHTER OR SON. FOR 24 YEARS, LUPUS
24 INTERNATIONAL HAS PROVIDED EDUCATION AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE
25 AFFLICTED WITH THIS DISEASE. MORE PEOPLE HAVE LUPUS THAN



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1 A.I.D.S., CEREBRAL PALSY, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, SICKLE CELL
2 ANEMIA AND CYSTIC FIBROSIS COMBINED. IT IS A DISEASE THAT HAS
3 NO BOUNDARIES AND SOMEONE OBVIOUSLY THAT YOU OR I KNOW MAY
4 HAVE LUPUS. SO, ON BEHALF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND OUR 10
5 MILLION RESIDENTS, WE WANT TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER
6 LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH AND INVITE EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE THIS
7 SATURDAY AT THE LA MIRADA REGIONAL PARK FOR THE RACE FOR LIFE
8 FOR LUPUS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **CHRISTINA M. KELLY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THANK YOU,
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS GREAT HONOR. AND I WANT TO JUST
12 INVITE YOU ALL TO PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING RACE FOR
13 LIFE. IT'S THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, LA MIRADA REGIONAL PARK.
14 YOU CAN REGISTER AT LUPUS INTERNATIONAL.COM. AND I WANT TO SAY
15 THAT WE'RE VERY INDEBTED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
16 AND FIREFIGHTING COMMUNITIES IN THIS COUNTY BECAUSE THEY'VE
17 BEEN VERY, VERY GOOD TO PEOPLE AND THEY'VE SUPPORTED US. THEY
18 PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE EVERY DAY AND YET THEY STILL FIND
19 TIME TO VOLUNTEER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN AND WE'RE GRATEFUL TO
20 THEM AND WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU OUT THERE WHO SUPPORT
21 US BECAUSE IT'S A DISEASE THAT NEEDS YOUR HELP AND CONTINUES
22 TO NEED YOUR SUPPORT UNTIL WE CAN FIND A CURE, SO THANK YOU
23 ALL. [APPLAUSE]

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, THAT'S MY PRESENTATION.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NORMALLY, WE WOULD GO
3 ON TO OUR NEXT SET OF ITEMS, WHICH ARE A PUBLIC HEARING BUT,
4 AS WE CAN SEE, WE HAVE VARIOUS MEMBERS FROM OUR PROBATION
5 DEPARTMENT WHO ARE HERE THIS MORNING. [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS
6 AND APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELCOME. [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND
9 APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE WISH TO WELCOME YOU AND BEFORE WE GO ON
12 TO THE REGULAR MEETING, WE'VE HAD A REQUEST THAT WE COULD HAVE
13 A COUPLE OF SPEAKERS THAT WOULD SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP,
14 SO WE HAVE VARIOUS SPEAKERS THAT WE'RE GOING TO CALL UP. SO IF
15 WE COULD GIVE THEM YOUR ATTENTION, WE'D APPRECIATE IT. FIRST
16 WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH RALPH MILLER, FOLLOWED BY... [
17 ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND MANY ENTHUSIASTIC WHISTLES, CHEERS AND
18 APPLAUSE, CHANTING]

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF LITTLE
21 RULES THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ADHERE TO BECAUSE,
22 OTHERWISE, WE'LL BE HERE... [LOUD INTERJECTIONS]

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S CALLED ORDER, FOLKS, AND, MR. MILLER,
25 I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO HELP ME. I CAN APPRECIATE THE



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1 ENTHUSIASM THAT YOU HAVE FOR YOUR COLLEAGUES HERE AND WE CAN
2 DEMONSTRATE IT IN A WAY THAT IS RESPECTFUL TO ALL OF US AND WE
3 ALLOW THE MOMENTUM AND THAT'S JUST RAISE YOUR ARMS IN THAT
4 MOMENTUM AND WE WILL UNDERSTAND AND RECOGNIZE YOUR
5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THOSE SPEAKERS. MR. MILLER'S GOING TO BE
6 JOINED BY SUE CLINE, LA CHARLES JAMES, PLEASE, AND ROBERT
7 GLORY. PLEASE JOIN US AS WELL. MR. MILLER.

8

9 **RALPH MILLER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WE'RE HERE TODAY
10 FOR SEVERAL REASONS. ONE IS TO CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION THE
11 INSECURE WORKING ENVIRONMENT THAT WE'RE FACED WITH EVERY DAY.
12 [INTERJECTIONS IN SUPPORT]

13

14 **RALPH MILLER:** ALSO, THE WORKLOAD INEQUITIES THROUGHOUT OUR
15 DEPARTMENT AND ALSO TO SAY, MOST OF ALL, THAT WE MUST HAVE
16 DIGNITY AND RESPECT AS PEACE OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY
17 EMPLOYEES. THERE IS ANOTHER MATTER THAT'S QUITE OBVIOUS. IN
18 ORDER TO SEAL THAT, WE ALSO NEED GOOD FAITH BARGAINING ON THE
19 COUNTY'S PART. THE UNDERSTAFFING IN THE JUVENILE HALLS, THE
20 LACK OF ADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR THE MINORS, THE
21 LACK OF INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY COUNSELING, TRANSITIONAL
22 SERVICES AND AFTERCARE HAVE STRAINED OUR NERVES TO ITS LIMIT.
23 THE RIOTS, THE ASSAULTS ON MINORS AND ON STAFF, THE
24 CONTRABAND, THE NUMEROUS ESCAPE ATTEMPTS, THE HIGH AMOUNT OF
25 MENTALLY ILL AND PHYSICALLY ILL MINORS THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL



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1 WITH DAY IN AND DAY OUT. WITH LESS AND LESS TRAINING OF OUR
2 OFFICERS, WITH MORE AND MORE DUTIES, WITH FEWER AND FEWER
3 OFFICERS TO PERFORM THOSE DUTIES AND THEN BE EXPECTED TO
4 PRODUCE MORE AND MORE WITH LESS AND LESS PAY AND BENEFITS.
5 THIS MUST END AND MUST END IMMEDIATELY! [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **RALPH MILLER:** OUR WORKLOAD AND CASELOAD DUTIES, THE PENALTIES,
8 THE MOUNTING PENALTIES IF WE ARE NOT PERFORMING THOSE DUTIES,
9 THE MOUNTAINS OF PAPERWORK AND REDUNDANCIES WITH LITTLE TIME
10 TO SPEND SUPERVISING, INVESTIGATING AND CORRECTING
11 PROBATIONERS AND PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY. THIS, TOO, MUST END
12 AND IT MUST END NOW. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **RALPH MILLER:** THE LACK OF DIGNITY AND RESPECT AS PEACE
15 OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES, BEING TOLD THAT WE'RE
16 NOT SAFETY EMPLOYEES WHEN THE LAW CLEARLY SAYS THAT WE ARE. [
17 CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

18

19 **RALPH MILLER:** THIS MUST END NOW. WE ARE SICK AND TIRED OF
20 BEING SICK AND TIRED. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **RALPH MILLER:** WE CAN NO LONGER TOLERATE THESE UNSAFE WORKING
23 CONDITIONS. THE ENDANGERMENT OF THE PUBLIC THAT WE'RE SWORN TO
24 PROTECT AND SERVE, THE DISRESPECT OF US AS PROFESSIONALS. [
25 APPLAUSE]



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2 **RALPH MILLER:** AND THE UNJUST COMPENSATION OF OUR SERVICES. [
3 APPLAUSE]

4

5 **RALPH MILLER:** SUPERVISORS, PROVIDE US WITH THE SUPPORT AND
6 FUNDING WE NEED TO PROTECT AND SERVE THE PUBLIC. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **RALPH MILLER:** PROVIDE US WITH THE SUPPORT AND FUNDING TO
9 PROVIDE THE SAFE AND SECURE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THROUGHOUT
10 OUR DEPARTMENT. WE NEED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC, THE
11 PROBATIONERS AND OURSELVES. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **RALPH MILLER:** SEND THE C.A.O., MR. JANSSEN, BACK TO THE
14 BARGAINING TABLE WITH SOME DIRECTION, SOME IDEAS, SOME
15 FLEXIBILITY AND SOME WILLINGNESS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT AND
16 DEFINITELY SOMETHING MORE THAN "WE KNOW NOTHING, WE DO
17 NOTHING, WE SAY NOTHING AND WE GIVE NOTHING"!!!! [CHEERS AND
18 APPLAUSE] [WHISTLES, CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

19

20 **RALPH MILLER:** FORM A LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SO WE CAN WORK
21 TOGETHER TO MEET THE AWESOME AND UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES WE
22 MUST CONQUER IF WE ARE TO PROVE WORTHY OF THE TRUST AND HOPES
23 AND DREAMS AND RESOURCES THAT THE PUBLIC HAS ENTRUSTED IN US.
24 SUPERVISORS... [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **RALPH MILLER:** ...LET'S ARSENIO HALL, LET'S GET BUSY. [
2 WHISTLES, CHEERS AND APPLAUSE!!!!]

3

4 **RALPH MILLER:** THANK YOU. NEXT I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE BROTHER
5 ROBERT GLORY, HE'S THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN
6 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND ALSO A SUPERVISING
7 DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER. [WHISTLES, CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. GLORY.

10

11 **ROBERT GLORY:** HELLO, EVERYBODY. AS RALPH MENTIONED, I'M ROBERT
12 GLORY. I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THE CAMP. BASICALLY, WHAT I WANT
13 TO JUST SHARE WITH YOU IS CAMPS ARE AN EXPLOSIVE SITUATION DUE
14 TO THE LACK OF STAFFING, THE WAY THAT WE DEPLOY THE STAFF THAT
15 WE DO HAVE. WE JUST DON'T HAVE ENOUGH. I CANNOT ADEQUATELY
16 CARE AND DEPLOY MY STAFF TO TAKE CARE OF THESE CHILDREN THAT
17 WE SUPERVISE IN CAMP WITHOUT ENOUGH STAFF, OKAY? STAFF-- THE
18 MINORS ARE BECOMING MORE AGGRESSIVE, MORE ASSAULTIVE. I'VE HAD
19 MORE STAFF INJURIES, OKAY, AND THEN I GOT NO REPLACEMENT IF I
20 HAVE TO SEND A STAFF OUT DUE TO AN INJURY AND IF I HAVE TO
21 SEND OUT A MINOR BECAUSE HE'S BEEN ASSAULTED BY ANOTHER MINOR
22 AND I'VE GOT TO REMOVE HIM, IT PUTS ME EVEN IN MORE OF A
23 PRECARIOUS SITUATION. THE CAMPS ARE OUT OF CONTROL,
24 UNDERSTAFFED, AND EXPLOSIVE SITUATION. [WHISTLES, CHEERS AND
25 APPLAUSE!!!]



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2 **ROBERT GLORY:** IF WE GET THE BUDGET, IF WE CAN GET SOME MONEY
3 AND WE CAN HIRE SOME MORE STAFF, I'D BE ABLE TO GET MORE
4 INVOLVED, HAVE MY STAFF DEPLOY, GET MORE INVOLVED IN MINORS,
5 BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT IT IS THEY NEED AND MEET THEIR NEEDS WITH
6 REGARD TO THEIR HOME SITUATIONS, THEIR LIVING SITUATIONS IN
7 CAMP. IT WOULD BE BEST FOR THEM AND MY STAFF IN GENERAL. WE
8 NEED A BETTER CONTRACT. WE NEED... [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **ROBERT GLORY:** ...A BETTER RETIREMENT. WE NEED TO BE
11 COMPENSATED FOR THE WORK THAT WE DO. SO I IMPORE WITH THE
12 COUNTY THAT YOU GOT TO GET BACK TOGETHER FOR NEGOTIATIONS SO
13 WE CAN BETTER OURSELVES AND COME TOGETHER. THANK YOU. [
14 WHISTLES, CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

15

16 **RALPH MILLER:** NEXT WE HAVE BROTHER LE CHARLES JAMES, PRESIDENT
17 OF THE BLACK PROBATION OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, AND ALSO A
18 SUPERVISING DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER. [WHISTLES, CHEERS AND
19 APPLAUSE]

20

21 **LA CHARLES JAMES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. AGAIN, MY NAME IS LA CHARLES
22 JAMES AND I'M PRESIDENT OF THE BLACK PROBATION OFFICERS
23 ASSOCIATION AND ALSO A SUPERVISOR THAT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH
24 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 39 YEARS.
25 OVER THESE 39 YEARS, I HAVE LITERALLY WORKED WITH HUNDREDS,



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1 HUNDREDS OF TALENTED, INVESTED PROBATION OFFICERS. THEY
2 INVESTED THEIR TIME, SOMETIMES THEIR BLOOD AND A LOT OF HOURS
3 WORKING WITH KIDS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES. I NEED TO TELL
4 YOU THAT YOU NEED TO SHOW THEM SOME RESPECT. [WHISTLES,
5 CHEERS AND APPLAUSE!!!!]

6

7 **RALPH MILLER:** NEXT, AND THIS WILL BE OUR FINAL PRESENTATION,
8 ONE OF OUR DEDICATED PROBATION OFFICERS AT THE CHALLENGER
9 MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTER, SUE CLINE. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUE CLINE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I CAN REPEAT EVERYTHING
12 THAT'S BEEN SAID HERE. YOU'VE HEARD IT AND YOU KNOW IT BUT I
13 WORK IT. [WHISTLES, CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUE CLINE:** EVERY DAY WHEN WE GO INTO WORK, WE'RE FACING KIDS
16 WHO GET OFF THE BUS FROM JUVENILE HALL WHO ARE CUTTING ON
17 THEMSELVES, THEY'RE BLEEDING. WE DON'T KNOW IF THEY HAVE ANY
18 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES BUT, WORSE YET, WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO
19 HELP THEM BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T HAD THE TRAINING. WE LOOK AT
20 KIDS, WE GIVE THEM INSTRUCTIONS, WE TRY TO IMPOSE COURT-
21 ORDERED CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND THEY SPIT AT US AND THEY
22 SWING AT US AND WE HAVE FIVE STAFF. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUE CLINE:** WE KEEP GOING TO WORK EVERY DAY BECAUSE WE WANT TO
25 BE THERE, BECAUSE WE WANT TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY,



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1 BECAUSE WE CARE ABOUT KIDS. WE CARE ABOUT THE ADULT
2 PROBATIONERS OF WE WANT TO HELP THEM HELP THEIR FAMILIES SO
3 THAT MAYBE OUR CAMPS WILL BE EMPTY SOME DAY. BUT, AT THIS
4 RATE, ALL WE'RE DOING IS GETTING HURT. STAFF ARE BEING
5 ASSAULTED AT THE HALL ROUTINELY. KIDS ARE ASSAULTING KIDS,
6 MENTAL HEALTH IS GOING UNDONE. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUE CLINE:** OUR CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS ASKED FOR MORE STAFF.
9 WE HAVE A DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DECREE THAT WE'RE WORKING
10 UNDER. NOT "WE", IT'S NOT OUR DECREE, BUT WE'LL DO IT FOR YOU.
11 BUT WE NEED THE MONEY, WE NEED THE TRAINING AND WE NEED THE
12 HELP. WE WANT YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE DO AND RECOGNIZE
13 US FOR THE PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICERS THAT WE ARE. [APPLAUSE
14]

15

16 **RALPH MILLER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA-- MOLINA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF
17 THE BOARD, WE DIDN'T COME HERE FOR A LOT OF TALKING. THE TIME
18 FOR TALKING IS OVER. [WHISTLES, CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

19

20 **RALPH MILLER:** WE HAVE TALKED THE TALK, NOW IT'S TIME TO WALK
21 THE TALK. [WHISTLES, CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

22

23 **RALPH MILLER:** WE CAN'T DO IT BY OURSELVES AND YOU CAN'T DO IT
24 BY YOURSELF. WE CAN ONLY DO IT TOGETHER BUT IT MUST BE DONE
25 SOON. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. MILLER. [VERY ENTHUSIASTIC
3 AND LONG CHEERS, APPLAUSE AND WHISTLING. CHANTING.]

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TWO OTHER. ALAN CLAYTON AND JOHN
6 COPLEY, IF THEY WOULD JOIN US. ALAN CLAYTON AND JOHN COPLEY
7 ARE THE FINAL SPEAKERS. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN. [APPLAUSE CONTINUES]

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALAN. PLEASE.

12

13 **ALAN CLAYTON:** MY NAME IS ALAN CLAYTON. I'M REPRESENTING THE
14 L.A. COUNTY CHICANO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. WE HAVE OVER 200
15 PROBATION OFFICER MEMBERS AND WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MEETING
16 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OVER MANY YEARS DEALING WITH THE ISSUES OF
17 SAFETY, STAFFING ISSUES, ISSUES OF PROVIDING SERVICES TO
18 WARDS. WE'VE DONE MORE THAN THAT. WE'VE WORKED WITH-- EVERY
19 TIME THERE'S BEEN A BUDGET ISSUE, WE'VE BEEN UP IN SACRAMENTO
20 WORKING WITH THE COUNTY. WE PROPOSED, DRAFTED, GOT AN
21 ASSEMBLYMAN TO CARRY THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT OF 2000 WHICH
22 CURRENTLY YOU RECEIVED \$28 MILLION. SO WE HAVE BEEN A PARTNER
23 WITH THE DEPARTMENT, WORKING WITH THE BOARD TO TRY TO INCREASE
24 REVENUE SO THERE WILL BE SERVICES FOR YOUTH TO TURN THE
25 YOUTHS' LIVES AROUND TO GIVE THEM THOSE KINDS OF PROGRAMS.



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1 WE'RE HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU TO LOOK SERIOUSLY AT RESOLVING
2 THIS LONG-TIME BARGAINING ISSUE. 2-1/2 YEARS WITHOUT A
3 CONTRACT IS UNCONSCIONABLE FOR PEACE OFFICERS THAT PUT THEIR
4 LIVES ON THE LINE, THEY'RE OUT THERE DOING THE TOUGH WORK, THE
5 NECESSARY WORK TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEAL WITH
6 YOUTH. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **ALAN CLAYTON:** AND OUR GOAL WITH THE DEPARTMENT IS TO WORK IN A
9 COOPERATIVE FASHION BUT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING TO THEM OVER THE
10 LAST COUPLE OF YEARS ABOUT THE ISSUE OF SAFETY OF STAFF AND
11 WORKING CONDITIONS BECAUSE THE ISSUES THAT OUR MEMBERS FACE
12 ARE THE SAME ISSUES THAT ALL UNION MEMBERS FACE. AND WHAT
13 THEY'RE ASKING FOR IS ADEQUATE STAFFING. THE REASON THEY'RE
14 ASKING FOR ADEQUATE STAFFING IS, WHEN YOU'RE UNDERSTAFFED, YOU
15 CANNOT SUPERVISE THE YOUTH. YOU GET INTO PROBLEMS WITH YOUTH
16 ON YOUTH VIOLENCE, WITH YOUTH ON STAFF AND ALSO NOT BEING ABLE
17 TO PROVIDE REAL VALIDATED SERVICES. THERE IS A REAL CHRONIC
18 PROBLEM OF UNDERSTAFFING. AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE
19 DEPARTMENT. AND I'M NOT HERE TO CRITICIZE THE DEPARTMENT. I'M
20 HERE TO SAY THE FIRST ISSUE IS ADEQUATE FUNDING. AND THE
21 SECOND ISSUE, THESE GENTLEMEN, MEN AND WOMEN, ARE PUBLIC
22 SAFETY OFFICERS. THEY ARE DUE THE SAME RIGHTS AS OTHER PUBLIC
23 SAFETY OFFICERS. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **ALAN CLAYTON:** OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT BARGAINING UNITS HAVE
2 RECEIVED BENEFITS. THEY ARE ASKING FOR THE SAME RIGHTS AS
3 OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. [WHISTLES, CHEERS AND
4 APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. COPLEY?

7

8 **ALAN CLAYTON:** I'LL FINISH UP. ALL THEY'RE ASKING FOR IS THE
9 SAME. THEY'RE OUT THERE WORKING WITH YOUTH, THEY'RE PEACE
10 OFFICERS, THEY'RE OUT THERE DOING THE DANGEROUS WORK TO
11 SUPERVISE, PROTECT AND SERVE AND THEY DESERVE JUSTICE AND THE
12 SAME RIGHTS AS ANY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. CLAYTON. MR. COPLEY? [
15 WHISTLES, CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. COPLEY.

18

19 **JOHN COPLEY:** THANK YOU, MISS MOLINA. THE REASON THAT I CAME
20 HERE TODAY, I'M A RETIRED PROBATION OFFICER, 32-1/2 YEARS I
21 HAD, AND EVERY PROBATION DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES HAS
22 SAFETY RETIREMENT EXCEPT L.A. COUNTY PROBATION. [WHISTLES,
23 CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

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1 **JOHN COPLEY:** MRS. MOLINA, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SUPERVISOR BURKE,
2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I'VE MET YOU BEFORE AND I REALLY BELIEVE
3 THAT YOU MAY TAKE THIS TO HEART. SAFETY RETIREMENT IS AN ISSUE
4 THAT WE'VE NEVER HAD A CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER STAND UP FOR US
5 AND SAY THAT WE NEED THAT. [WHISTLES, CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

6

7 **JOHN COPLEY:** AND WE REALLY NEED THAT. THEY REALLY NEED THAT.
8 BECAUSE I LOOK INTO IT, NOW THAT I'M RETIRED, AND I WENT EVERY
9 PROBATION I COULD THINK OF, ORANGE COUNTY, I WENT TO ALL OF
10 THEM, AND THEY ALL HAVE SAFETY RETIREMENT. IT'S TIME THESE
11 PEOPLE HAD IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [WHISTLES, CHEERS AND
12 APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. COPLEY. LADIES AND
15 GENTLEMEN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. WE'RE
16 GOING TO GO BACK IT OUR MEETING BUT LET ME SAY THAT THERE ARE
17 ISSUES THAT CERTAINLY NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AND CERTAINLY
18 STAFFING IS ONE OF THOSE ISSUES. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS
19 WELL AS PUTTING IN THE RESOURCES TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT,
20 YOU KNOW, CREATING OVERTIME ISSUES TO A EXTENT THAT IT'S
21 OVERBURDENED AND THERE ARE CERTAINLY OTHER ISSUES. [
22 INTERJECTIONS]

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND CERTAINLY THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES THAT
25 NEED TO BE ADDRESSED FROM THE MANAGEMENT SIDE FROM THE



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1 STANDPOINT OF SAFETY AND TRAINING. AT THIS POINT IN TIME,
2 THERE ARE ISSUES THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED AT THE BARGAINING
3 TABLE AND WE WILL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE THOSE KINDS OF
4 ARRANGEMENTS. BUT THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS MORNING. [
5 INTERJECTIONS]

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT, I'M GOING TO CALL ON OUR EXECUTIVE
8 OFFICER TO PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HERE FOR
9 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SO ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE
12 THE BOARD ON ANY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE STAND,
13 RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND, AND BE SWORN IN.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WAIT UNTIL THEY LEAVE. (PLEASE STAND BY)

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'VE HAD A SPECIAL REQUEST. IF WE COULD
18 HEAR ITEM NUMBER 11 FIRST. WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT ITEM FIRST.
19 WE HAVE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE THAT HAVE TO GET BACK
20 AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF WE COULD DO THAT ITEM. SO I'M
21 GOING TO ASK COUNCILMAN GEORGE HUNTER AND COUNCILWOMAN CAROL
22 HERRERA TO PLEASE JOIN US AT THE CENTER TABLE HERE. THIS
23 MORNING, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MYSELF HELD A PRESS
24 CONFERENCE WITH VARIOUS ELECTED OFFICIALS, MAYORS, CITY
25 COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND WE ARE VERY



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1 PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THIS PARTICULAR MOTION, WHICH IS A MOTION
2 THAT CAME FROM A REVIEW AND A STUDY OF THE TRAUMA NEEDS OF THE
3 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WHILE THE BEST SOLUTION OF ALL WOULD BE,
4 OF COURSE, TO HAVE A TRAUMA CENTER LOCATED CENTRALLY OR
5 ACCESSIBLE TO ALL OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, SHORT OF THAT, WE
6 WERE UNABLE TO FULFILL THAT, BUT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE A
7 COMMITMENT, AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MYSELF HAVE BROUGHT
8 FORTH A MOTION, TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER COVERAGE FOR THE SAN
9 GABRIEL VALLEY, FOR THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND, OF
10 COURSE, TO DESIGNATE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. AS THEIR TRAUMA
11 FACILITY. THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD AND PLAYING A LEADERSHIP
12 ROLE IN TRYING TO CORRECT THIS INADEQUACY. LUCKILY AS WELL IN
13 THEIR REVIEW, WE FOUND THAT WE WERE DOING FAIRLY WELL,
14 CONSIDERING, BUT YOU CAN'T BE JUST CROSSING YOUR FINGERS EVERY
15 SINGLE DAY AND RELY ON STATISTICS WHEN THERE LUCKILY ARE NO
16 TRAUMA ISSUES BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THERE MAY NOT BE IN THE
17 FUTURE. SO THIS IS A STRIKE IN THE DIRECTION OF TRYING TO GET
18 AT IT AND I THINK WE'VE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN PUTTING
19 SOMETHING TOGETHER. AND SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE MOTION THAT
20 IS BEFORE YOU THAT MAKES THE ALLOCATION OF \$450,000. IT'S
21 GOING TO GO FROM MEASURE B FUNDS TO FUND THIS PARTICULAR
22 PROGRAM TO CREATE HELICOPTER SERVICE 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN
23 DAYS A WEEK AND TO CREATE THE DESIGNATION OF L.A. COUNTY
24 U.S.C. AS ITS TRAUMA FACILITY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DID YOU



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1 WANT TO SHARE A COUPLE OF WORDS BEFORE I CALL ON ELECTED
2 OFFICIALS?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, SINCE 1986, HASN'T
5 HAD A DESIGNATED TRAUMA CENTER. THE REASON IS COMPLEX BUT
6 BASICALLY FOR A TRAUMA UNLIKE AN EMERGENCY ROOM, YOU HAVE TO
7 HAVE SPECIALISTS ON STAFF TO RESPOND ON A 24-HOUR, 7-DAY-A-
8 WEEK BASIS. SO WHAT WE'VE DONE, WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER WITH
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, IS TO HAVE A
10 HELICOPTER PAD WHICH WILL BE OPERATIONAL IN ABOUT 14 WEEKS,
11 JANUARY 1ST, IN THE CITY OF INDUSTRY, WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO
12 TRANSPORT THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN NEED OF TRAUMA CARE TO THE
13 U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER AND SO, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, MY MOTION IS
14 ITEM NUMBER 11 ON TODAY'S AGENDA, WHICH WILL HELP PROVIDE THAT
15 TYPE OF SERVICE TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHICH IS
16 APPROXIMATELY OVER 1.6 MILLION. IF THEY WERE A SEPARATE CITY,
17 THEY WOULD BE THE SECOND LARGEST CITY IN THE COUNTY AND I
18 BELIEVE ABOUT THE 8TH OR 7TH LARGEST CITY IN THE UNITED
19 STATES.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. LET ME CALL ON, FIRST, CAROL
22 HERRERA, WHO WAS AT THAT TIME-- I GUESS YOU WERE CHAIRING THE
23 ENTIRE COG. ARE YOU STILL CHAIRING THE ENTIRE COG?

24



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1 **CAROL HERRERA:** NO, ACTUALLY, GEORGE HUNTER CHAIRED IT. AND SO
2 IF IT'S OKAY, I'LL HAVE HIM GO FIRST.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET'S BEGIN WITH COUNCILMAN HUNTER, WHO
5 WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION. COUNCILMAN?

6

7 **COUNCIL MEMBER GEORGE HUNTER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. MY
8 NAME IS COUNCIL MEMBER GEORGE HUNTER AND I REPRESENT THE CITY
9 OF POMONA. AS CHAIR OF THE TRAUMA CARE TASK FORCE FOR THE SAN
10 GABRIEL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
11 SUPERVISORS MOLINA, ANTONOVICH FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN
12 BRINGING FORTH THIS ITEM, WHICH DEDICATES A MUCH-NEEDED TRAUMA
13 HELICOPTER 24/7 TO THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND DESIGNATES
14 LAC/USC MEDICAL CENTER AS THE TRAUMA HOSPITAL FOR THE EAST SAN
15 GABRIEL VALLEY. AS WE KNOW, SECONDS AND MINUTES COUNT AND CAN
16 MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH FOR DRAMATICALLY
17 INJURED PEOPLE. THIS HELICOPTER WILL HELP GET PATIENTS TO MUCH
18 NEEDED TRAUMA CARE FASTER AND THE DESIGNATION OF U.S.C. WILL
19 BRING THE CARE CLOSER TO THEIR FAMILIES. HOWEVER, WE LOOK TO
20 OUR SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US IN THE SAN GABRIEL
21 VALLEY COG TO FIND A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE TRAUMA CARE
22 PROBLEM IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, EITHER BY THE
23 CONSTRUCTION OF A COUNTY FACILITY OR IDENTIFICATION OF PRIVATE
24 HOSPITALS IN THE TRAUMA NETWORK. AS YOU ARE DOUBTLESS AWARE,
25 20% OF MEASURE B TAXES ARE COLLECTED FROM THE SAN GABRIEL



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1 VALLEY PROPERTY OWNERS, WHICH AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY \$36
2 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006. AT LEAST, THAT IS OUR
3 PROJECTION, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ESTABLISHING PERMANENT
4 SOLUTIONS FOR THIS VERY MUCH NEEDED CONCERN OF THE RESIDENTS
5 OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND I WOULD STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE
6 MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN. COUNCILWOMAN
9 HERRERA.

10

11 **COUNCILWOMAN CAROL HERRERA:** WELL, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I
12 THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU TODAY AND
13 I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM. I HAVE THE
14 PRIVILEGE OF BEING THE PRESIDENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
15 COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THIS YEAR AND WE ARE PROUD OF THE WORK
16 THAT THE TRAUMA CARE TASK FORCE HAS DONE IN THE LAST YEAR,
17 ESPECIALLY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF GEORGE HUNTER. I THINK THIS
18 IS A FINE START, BUT IT'S ONLY A BEGINNING, TO BRING TRAUMA
19 SERVICES, TRAUMA CARE SERVICES TO THE TWO MILLION PEOPLE THAT
20 LIVE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY THAT CONTRIBUTE 20% OF THE
21 TAXES THAT GO INTO MEASURE B. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO OTHER
22 THINGS BEING DONE FOR THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BUT I THANK YOU
23 TODAY FOR YOUR VOTE TODAY FOR THIS AND IT'S A GOOD START AND
24 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALSO JOINING US THIS
2 MORNING, IS WE HAVE OUR E.M.S. DIRECTOR, CAROL MEYER, WHO I'M
3 GOING TO THIS GROUP TO EACH SAY A FEW WORDS, WHO, AS WE ALL
4 KNOW, IS OUR TRAUMA MEDICAL. WE ALSO HAVE OUR TRAUMA MEDICAL
5 DIRECTOR, DR. DIMITRI DEMETRIADES, WHO IS ALSO JOINING US THIS
6 MORNING. ALSO PETE DELGADO, WHO IS OUR C.E.O. AT L.A. COUNTY
7 U.S.C. AND, OF COURSE, CHIEF FREEMAN. CAROLYN, WE TURN IT OVER
8 TO YOU.

9

10 **CAROLYN MEYER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE
11 WORKED VERY HARD WITH THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF
12 GOVERNMENTS OVER THE LAST YEAR, AS WELL AS WITH YOUR OFFICES,
13 TO REALLY ANALYZE WHAT WE CAN MAKE AVAILABLE IN THE SAN
14 GABRIEL VALLEY WITH REGARDS TO TRAUMA. YOU ALL KNOW THAT
15 TRAUMA IS ONE OF THE MAJOR KILLERS OF PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES
16 OF 1 AND 44 AND SO THIS IS A MAJOR ISSUE FOR US. WE DEALT WITH
17 IT OVER THE YEARS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, A COUNTY THAT
18 HAS NEARLY 19,000 TRAUMA VICTIMS AND THESE ARE MAJOR TRAUMA
19 VICTIMS, VICTIMS WITH MAJOR CAR ACCIDENTS, SIGNIFICANT FALLS,
20 GUNSHOT WOUNDS, STABBINGS AND SO FORTH. IN LOOKING AND
21 ANALYZING THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT, IN
22 FACT, THE VAST MAJORITY OF PATIENTS DO GET TO A TRAUMA CENTER.
23 BUT ONE OF THE CONCERNS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IS EQUITY.
24 IF, IN FACT, WE CANNOT GET A TRAUMA CENTER IN THE SAN GABRIEL
25 VALLEY, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO DO THAT AS WE GO



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1 FORWARD, WHAT IS THE NEXT ALTERNATIVE? AND THE FIRST OPTION
2 THAT WE HAVE PUT ON THE TABLE IS THE OPTION OF PUTTING A
3 HELICOPTER IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. CURRENTLY, ONE IS THERE
4 PART OF THE DAY AND IT IS NOT PHYSICALLY IN THE VALLEY AND WE
5 BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL ADD AN EXTRA MINUTES TO THE PATIENT IN
6 TERMS OF GETTING TO A TRAUMA CENTER. ONE OF OUR ANALYSES THAT
7 WE DID THAT I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT IS TO TAKE A LOOK AT
8 THE PATIENTS THAT ARE GETTING TO A TRAUMA CENTER FROM THE SAN
9 GABRIEL VALLEY AS OPPOSED TO THOSE FROM THE REST OF THE
10 COUNTY. AND WE ACTUALLY LOOKED AT THE DEATH RATES, THE
11 MORTALITY RATES OF THESE PATIENTS AS COMPARED TO THE REST OF
12 THE PATIENTS GETTING TO TRAUMA CENTERS AND, IN FACT, THEY ARE
13 VERY EQUITABLE. SO, YES, WE WANT TO GET THE PATIENTS TO A
14 TRAUMA CENTER THE FASTEST THAT WE CAN BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT
15 THING IS TO GET THEM TO A TRAUMA CENTER, WHICH IS A VERY
16 ROBUST FACILITY THAT HAS DOCTORS, NURSES, OPERATING ROOMS
17 WAITING FOR THEM, WAITING FOR THEM AS THEY COME IN THE DOOR.
18 AND THAT IS REALLY THE KEY ISSUE, IS GET THEM TO A TRAUMA
19 CENTER. I'D LIKE CHIEF FREEMAN TO COMMENT BRIEFLY ON THE
20 HELICOPTER PART OF THIS PLAN.

21
22 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE'RE VERY
23 PLEASED IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE THE NECESSARY
24 HELICOPTER EQUIPMENT TO BE ABLE TO INITIATE THIS ADDITIONAL
25 24-HOUR HELICOPTER IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WITH REALLY



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1 MODEST ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL COSTS TO STAFF THE HELICOPTER AND
2 IT WILL, AS MISS MEYERS HAD INDICATED, IT WILL ENABLE US TO
3 ARRIVE AT SCENE QUICKER ON THOSE CASES WHERE A PATIENT IS IN
4 NEED OF AIR TRANSPORTATION. AND, ONCE ABOARD THE HELICOPTER,
5 THAT CERTAINLY WILL EXPEDITE THE TRANSPORTATION TO THE NEAREST
6 TRAUMA CENTER; IN THIS CASE, THE DESIGNATION OF COUNTY U.S.C.
7 SO, AGAIN, I WOULD EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO YOUR BOARD FOR
8 YOUR FORESIGHT AND FOR SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT IN OUR NEEDS
9 IN THE PAST SO THAT WE DO HAVE THE CAPACITY, WITH JUST SOME
10 MODEST INCREASES, TO PUT THIS HELICOPTER IN SERVICE IN THE SAN
11 GABRIEL VALLEY. AND IT WILL ENABLE THE PARAMEDICS AND THE
12 FIREFIGHTERS WHO CURRENTLY WORK SO HARD TO SERVE ALL THE
13 CITIZENS IN THE VALLEY, IT WILL ENABLE THEM TO PROVIDE THAT
14 SERVICE EVEN BETTER AND TO GET THEM TO TRAUMA CENTERS MORE
15 QUICKLY IN MANY CASES.

16
17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CHIEF.

18
19 **CAROL MEYER:** SECONDLY I'D LIKE TO HAVE DR. DEMETRIADES TALK A
20 LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE PREPAREDNESS OF L.A.C./U.S.C. MEDICAL
21 CENTER. IT'S IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THAT DR. DEMETRIADES IS
22 LITERALLY WORLD RENOWNED IN TERMS OF HIS EXPERTISE IN TRAUMA
23 CARE AND WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE L.A.C./U.S.C. MEDICAL
24 CENTER AS OUR FLAGSHIP TRAUMA CENTER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.



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1 **DR. DIMITRI DEMETRIADES:** THANK YOU, CAROL. GOOD MORNING,
2 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. AS YOU HAVE HEARD, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF
3 THE TRAUMA SERVICES AT THE U.S.C. COUNTY AND I WANT TO ASSURE
4 THE COMMUNITIES OF THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY THAT OUR TRAUMA
5 CENTER IS THERE TO PROVIDE TOP QUALITY TRAUMA CARE. YOU MIGHT
6 KNOW THAT THE U.S.C. COUNTY IS ONE OF THE LARGEST TRAUMA
7 CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND IT HAS HUGE EXPERIENCE IN ANY
8 KIND OF COMPLEX TRAUMA. IT IS CONSIDERED BY OUR PEERS AS ONE
9 OF THE BEST IN THE NATION. AGAIN, MANY OF YOU MIGHT KNOW THAT
10 THE UNITED STATES NAVY SELECTED OUR TRAUMA CENTER TO PROVIDE
11 TRAINING FOR THE MEDICAL AND PARAMEDICAL STAFF. AGAIN, AS AN
12 EXAMPLE, I WANT TO MENTION THAT, FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS, OUR
13 CENTER HAS BEEN PASSING THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS
14 VERIFICATION REVIEW WITHOUT A SINGLE CRITERIA DEFICIENCY. THIS
15 IS A VERY, VERY RARE EVENT AND IT TALKS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF
16 CARE PROVIDED AT OUR CENTER. AND I WANT TO READ A FANTASTIC
17 SENTENCE FROM THE LATEST REPORT OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
18 SURGEONS WHO "HIGHLY COMMEND L.A.C./U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER ON
19 ITS CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY TRAUMA CARE
20 TO ITS PATIENTS." SO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEASURE B MONEY
21 WILL BE VERY WELL SPENT AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE
22 CONFIDENCE.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.



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1 **CAROL MEYER:** AND THEN FINALLY I'D JUST LIKE TO CLARIFY THAT,
2 IN THE PAST, BECAUSE OF THE WAY OUR TRAUMA SYSTEM WAS
3 ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED, WHEN POMONA VALLEY AND QUEEN OF THE
4 VALLEY LEFT THE TRAUMA SYSTEM IN 1986, THE WHOLE AREA OF SAN
5 GABRIEL VALLEY WAS LEFT AS A HELICOPTER AREA. WE KNOW NOW,
6 AFTER ANALYZING SEVERAL YEARS OF DATA, THAT 75% OF THOSE
7 PATIENTS ACTUALLY GET TO EITHER HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
8 OR L.A.C./U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER BY GROUND TRANSPORT. BUT 25%
9 OF THEM GO TO TRAUMA CENTERS BY HELICOPTERS. WE HAVE SHARED
10 THOSE HELICOPTER RUNS AMONGST SIX HOSPITALS AND WE DID THAT
11 BECAUSE WE WEREN'T SURE, AT THE TIME, WHICH HOSPITAL COULD
12 REALLY HANDLE ALL OF THE VOLUME. WE BELIEVE NOW THAT NOT ONLY
13 CAN L.A.C./U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER HANDLE THE VOLUME BUT WE ALSO
14 KNOW THAT THOSE PATIENTS WILL NOT BE TAKEN FROM THE SAN
15 GABRIEL VALLEY ALL THE WAY TO VERY-- ACROSS THE CITY OF LOS
16 ANGELES TO TRAUMA CENTERS THAT ARE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEIR
17 FAMILIES TO GET TO. SO GEOGRAPHICALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS
18 THE BEST SOLUTION. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A COUPLE COMMENTS?

19

20 **PETE DELGADO:** MADAM CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I JUST WANT
21 TO LEND MY SUPPORT. SECOND TO HAVING A TRAUMA CENTER AT SAN
22 GABRIEL, THIS IS THE BEST SOLUTION. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF WHAT
23 WE HAVE. IT'S A GOOD DAY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL
24 CENTER BECAUSE WE ARE READY AND HAVE THE CAPACITY TO TAKE ON
25 MORE TRAUMA PATIENTS. IT'S A GOOD DAY FOR SAN GABRIEL AS WELL



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1 BECAUSE NOW THEY'LL BE ABLE TO LEVERAGE ONE OF THE BEST TRAUMA
2 NETWORK MEDICAL CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS LEVERAGE THE
3 WORLD CLASS PHYSICIANS THAT WE DO HAVE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. VERY GOOD. THIS ITEM IS
6 BEFORE US. IS THERE A QUESTION? YES. MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I WANT TO ASK EITHER CAROL MEYER OR
9 CHIEF FREEMAN, SEPARATE AND APART FROM THIS, ONE OF THE THINGS
10 THAT'S COME OUT IN THE DISCUSSION OF THIS, WHICH I WAS NOT
11 AWARE OF, IS THAT SOME OF THE TRAUMA HOSPITALS DO NOT HAVE
12 HELIPORTS THAT CAN HANDLE THE NEW HELICOPTERS THAT THE FIRE
13 DEPARTMENT HAS PURCHASED OR THE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE
14 PRIVATE HELICOPTER-- TRAUMA TRANSPORT HELICOPTER AS WELL, AND
15 COULD YOU KIND OF SHED SOME LIGHT ON THIS? HOW MANY OF THE
16 TRAUMA CENTERS, THE 13 TRAUMA CENTERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
17 HAVE HELIPORTS THAT CAN HANDLE, I KNOW COUNTY U.S.C. CAN, BUT
18 I DON'T BELIEVE CEDARS CAN, I DON'T KNOW THE OTHERS OFF THE
19 TOP OF MY HEAD, I DON'T KNOW IF HARBOR CAN AND WHAT'S THE--
20 WHAT, IF ANYTHING, IS BEING DONE TO CREATE-- BY THOSE
21 HOSPITALS TO CREATE THE-- TO IMPROVE UPON THOSE HELIPADS SO
22 THAT THEY CAN ACCEPT OUR TRANSPORTS? BECAUSE, IF YOU HAPPEN TO
23 GET A HELICOPTER TRANSPORT FROM SOME PART OF TOWN WHERE THE
24 LOCAL TRAUMA CENTER, IF THERE IS ONE, CAN'T HANDLE YOUR
25 SKYHAWK OR YOUR FIRE HAWK, THEN YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO



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1 TRANSPORT THEM ALL THE WAY ACROSS TOWN, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT
2 YOU'RE TRYING TO AVOID, GENERALLY SPEAKING, IN THE
3 TRANSPORTATION OF TRAUMA PATIENTS. WHICH ONE OF YOU WANT TO
4 TAKE THAT ON?

5

6 **CAROL MEYER:** CURRENTLY, THROUGH THE MEDICAL ALERT CENTER, WE
7 DESIGNATE TO THE PARAMEDICS WHICH HOSPITAL THEY ROTATE TO. THE
8 VERY LARGE HELICOPTERS HAVE LIMITATIONS IN RESPONDING TO LONG
9 BEACH MEMORIAL, ST. FRANCES, NORTHRIDGE, ST. MARY'S, CEDARS
10 AND U.C.L.A. AND, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE INSTANCES IN A
11 DISASTER SITUATION WHERE ALTERNATE SITES, WHERE THERE'S
12 SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF PATIENTS COULD BE UTILIZED ON GROUND,
13 ACTUALLY LANDING ON THE HELIPAD, ON THE HOSPITAL IS A
14 DIFFICULT SITUATION WITH THOSE FACILITIES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT. SO IS THERE ANYTHING BEING DONE AT
17 THOSE FACILITIES TO EXPAND, ENLARGE THE HELIPORTS?

18

19 **CAROL MEYER:** YES AND, IN FACT, WE'RE WORKING WITH THOSE
20 HOSPITALS AS THEY BUILDS NEW FACILITIES, WE ARE MAKING SURE
21 THAT THOSE HOSPITALS ARE VERY CLEARLY AWARE OF THE LARGER
22 HELICOPTERS AND THE ABILITY THAT THEY NEED TO HAVE IN ORDER TO
23 LAND ON THE FACILITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, AT L.A.C./U.S.C. MEDICAL
24 CENTER, WITH THE NEW FACILITY COMING UP IN 2007, WE HAVE MADE



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1 THEM WELL AWARE OF ALL THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE ABLE TO LAND ALL
2 OF THESE HELICOPTERS. THE SAME THING IS GOING...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THEY CAN TAKE THEM ALL NOW.

5

6 **CAROL MEYER:** BECAUSE THEY'RE ON THE GROUND, BECAUSE THEY'RE
7 LANDING ON THE GROUND.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, THEY'RE LANDING ON THE-- ARE BLACKTOP?

10

11 **CAROL MEYER:** THEY'RE LANDING ON THE GROUND, THAT'S RIGHT. THEY
12 HAVE A HELIPAD ON THE GROUND.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO LET'S-- ASIDE FROM THE ONES THAT ARE
15 ALREADY-- LET'S FOCUS ON THE ONES THAT YOU CAN'T. YOU SAID
16 LONG BEACH, ST. FRANCES.

17

18 **CAROL MEYER:** YES. NORTHRIDGE, ST. MARY'S, CEDARS, AND U.C.L.A.
19 DO HAVE SOME LIMITATIONS WITH SOME OF THE TYPES OF LARGER
20 HELICOPTERS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. CEDARS CANNOT-- NEITHER CAN UCLA,
23 AM I CORRECT, ACCEPT THE FIRE HAWK?

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1 **CAROL MEYER:** SOME OF THE LARGE-- YEAH, SOME OF THE LARGE
2 HELICOPTERS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SO SOMEBODY GETS A TRAUMA INJURY
5 ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, WHERE DO YOU TAKE THEM IN A FIRE
6 HAWK? HARBOR AND TORRANCE OR PROVIDENCE, HOLY CROSS IN MISSION
7 HILLS?

8

9 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** THAT'S PART OF WHAT THE MEDIC ALERT CENTER
10 DOES, IS IT ROUTES THE HELICOPTER TO THE LOCATION THAT'S MOST
11 APPROPRIATE. IF THE TRAUMA CENTERS HAPPEN TO BE UNABLE TO TAKE
12 THAT PATIENT, WE CAN LAND ADJACENT TO THE HELICOPTER WITH
13 GROUND TRANSPORTATION JUST TO MOVE THEM FROM THE FIRE HAWK
14 INTO THE HOSPITAL.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE YOU EVER DONE THAT?

17

18 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** YES, WE HAVE AND IT IS NOT THAT DIFFICULT TO
19 ACCOMPLISH. IN FACT, I BELIEVE, AFTER THE SANTA MONICA STREET
20 MARKET ACCIDENT, WE ACTUALLY CARRIED TWO TRAUMA PATIENTS TO
21 ST. FRANCES AND WE DID THAT IN THE FIRE HAWK AND THEY WERE
22 ABLE TO OFFLOAD TO A GURNEY OR AN AMBULANCE AND THEN MOVE THE
23 PATIENT RIGHT INTO THE HOSPITAL.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE ALL OF THESE HOSPITALS THAT DON'T HAVE
2 THE CAPACITY NOW WITH THEIR HELIPADS TO HANDLE YOUR HELI-- THE
3 BIG HELICOPTERS, DO THEY HAVE THE ROOM TO EXPAND THEIR
4 HELICOPTER, TO DO THAT? OR IS THERE SOME OTHER PHYSICAL
5 LIMITATION THAT THEY JUST DON'T HAVE THE SPACE TO EXPAND THEIR
6 HELIPADS? I'M THINKING OF CEDARS RIGHT NOW.

7

8 **CAROL MEYER:** I DON'T KNOW THE SPECIFICS ABOUT CEDARS,
9 SUPERVISOR, BUT SOME OF THEM DO HAVE THOSE LIMITATIONS. RIGHT
10 NOW, FOR EXAMPLE, HENRY MAYO IS DOING CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR
11 CONSTRUCTION AND SO WE ARE NOT USING THEIR HELIPAD FOR THE
12 NEXT THREE MONTHS WHILE THEY CREATE A NEW ONE. THE IMPORTANCE
13 HERE, CERTAINLY, I THINK, IS THAT WE DO HAVE FLEXIBILITY WHERE
14 WE CAN MOVE AROUND THE SYSTEM, BASED ON WHICH TYPE OF
15 HELICOPTER IS BEING USED AND 412S ARE OFTEN USED FOR TRAUMA
16 TRANSPORT AND THEY CAN GO-- 412S CAN GO TO ANY OF THE TRAUMA
17 CENTERS. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A VERY, YOU KNOW,
18 CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHICH ONES CAN GO WHERE AND THE PILOTS
19 ARE WELL AWARE OF THAT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST THINK THAT, SINCE WE'VE PURCHASED
22 TWO, I THINK, FIRE HAWKS, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR USES BIG
23 CHOPPERS ALSO, RIGHT?

24

25 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** NO, SIR. THE FIRE HAWK...



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY DON'T? ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE?

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4 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** WE'RE THE ONLY ONE IN THIS REGION THAT USES THE
5 FIRE HAWK, WHICH IS THE LARGEST...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I DON'T MEAN THE FIRE HAWK BUT ARE YOU
8 THE ONLY AGENCY, PRIVATE OR PUBLIC, THAT USES HELICOPTERS THAT
9 ARE TOO BIG TO LAND AT THOSE SEVERAL HOSPITALS? I THOUGHT THE
10 PRIVATE TRAUMA TRANSPORT, ALSO, HAD...

11

12 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** WELL, I BELIEVE THE AIR 5 SHERIFF RESCUE...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AIR-- THAT'S THE ONE I'M THINKING OF.

15

16 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** ...AIR RESCUE FIVE IS ALSO IN A SIMILAR
17 SITUATION, PROBABLY HEAVIER THAN THE FIRE HAWK.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU GET US, IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS, A
20 WRITTEN REPORT ON WHAT THE STATUS IS OF ALL THE HELIPADS IN
21 THE OTHER-- OF ALL THE TRAUMA CENTERS, WHO IS CAPABLE AND WHO
22 IS NOT CAPABLE OF HANDLING ALL THE AIRCRAFT AND WHAT THE
23 STATUS IS OF MODIFYING THEM IF THEY ARE NOT CAPABLE CURRENTLY?

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1 **CAROL MEYER:** YES. IF THERE'S ANY PLANS THAT ANY HOSPITAL
2 SPECIFICALLY HAS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THE OTHER THING I WANTED TO ASK
5 IS, AS I UNDERSTAND ON THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL, THAT YOU'RE
6 ALSO GOING TO BE MOVING AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU MENTIONED THIS
7 EARLIER BUT YOU'RE ALSO MOVING OTHER HELICOPTERS-- YOUR OTHER
8 HELICOPTER AROUND, THE ONE THAT'S OUT IN THE COASTLINE, THE
9 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AREA, MALIBU, AT NIGHT. IS THAT-- DO YOU
10 WANT TO ADDRESS THAT BRIEFLY?

11

12 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** YES, SUPERVISOR. CURRENTLY, DURING THE DAYTIME,
13 WE STAGE A HELICOPTER ALONG THE COAST IN MALIBU. WE STAGE A
14 HELICOPTER AT WHITTIER HILLS JUST ABOVE WHITTIER-- JUST ON THE
15 WESTERN EDGE, SOUTHWESTERN EDGE OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND
16 THEN WE HAVE ONE THAT'S ALSO STAGED IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. THAT'S
17 IN THE DAYTIME. AT NIGHTTIME, PRESENTLY, THERE IS THE
18 NIGHTTIME HELICOPTER, WHICH STAYS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND THE
19 HELICOPTER FROM THE WHITTIER HILLS MOVES TO LA CANADA
20 FLINTRIDGE. WITH THE RECOMMENDATION BEFORE YOUR BOARD, WHAT
21 WOULD OCCUR IS THE WHITTIER HILLS HELICOPTER, INSTEAD OF GOING
22 TO LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE AT NIGHT, WOULD GO BACK TO THE BARTON
23 HELIPORT AT WHITEMAN AIRPORT IN PACOIMA. THE DAYTIME
24 HELICOPTER FROM MALIBU WOULD GO BACK TO PACOIMA, AS IT DOES
25 TODAY, AND THEN WOULD JUST BE OUT OF SERVICE. THE SAN GABRIEL



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1 VALLEY HELICOPTER WOULD BE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY 24/7 SO,
2 AT NIGHT, WE WOULD HAVE A SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HELICOPTER, ONE
3 AT BARTON HELIPORT, SO TWO IN THE BASIN AREA, AND THEN THE
4 THIRD NIGHTTIME HELICOPTER...

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE IS BARTON HELIPORT?

7

8 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** IT'S AT WHITEMAN AIRPORT IN PACOIMA.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN PACOIMA.

11

12 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** YES, SIR.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE ONE AT THE...

15

16 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** WE'LL HAVE ONE THERE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL NIGHT LONG.

19

20 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU HAVE, INSTEAD OF TWO, YOU'LL HAVE
23 THREE 24 HOUR COPT-- THREE NIGHTTIME COVERAGE?

24

25 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND-- ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I GUESS, LET'S, AS AN EXAMPLE, IF ONE
7 OF THE HELICOPTERS IN AN INPATIENT KIND OF AN OPERATION AND
8 THERE'S ANOTHER INCIDENT, WHAT KIND OF A BACKUP PLAN DO WE
9 HAVE?

10

11 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, DURING THE DAYTIME, WE HAVE
12 GENERALLY OUR THREE HELICOPTERS. IF THIS PROPOSAL IS
13 IMPLEMENTED BEFORE YOUR BOARD EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST, WE'D HAVE
14 ONE IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, ONE IN THE DAYTIME WOULD BE OUT IN
15 THE MALIBU AREA AND THEN THE ONE AT ANTELOPE VALLEY. IF WE GET
16 A RESPONSE THAT INVOLVES THE HELICOPTER IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY,
17 WE'VE GOT THE BACKUP FROM OUR OTHER IN-SERVICE HELICOPTERS AS
18 WELL AS SHERIFF'S AIR 5 IS NORMALLY UP DURING THE DAYTIME
19 HOURS, WHICH IS ALSO A PARAMEDIC HELICOPTER THAT DOES AND CAN
20 COME IN TO BACK US UP. IF WE'RE ON A FIRE, WHICH IS ANOTHER
21 POSSIBILITY, IS WE DO HAVE BACKUP FROM THE LOS ANGELES FIRE
22 DEPARTMENT WITH WHOM WE DO RECIPROCATE SERVICES, BOTH ON
23 FIREFIGHTING AND MEDICAL CALLS. WE ALSO WOULD HAVE THE SHERIFF
24 AIR 5, WHICH DOES NOT DO FIREFIGHTING. AND THEN, IF ALL OF
25 THOSE UNITS ARE COMMITTED, THEN OUR NEXT FALLBACK WOULD BE THE



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1 PRIVATE SECTOR, WHICH WE HAVE USED FROM TIME TO TIME WHEN
2 SITUATIONS HAVE OCCURRED TO UTILIZE THEIR SERVICES. SO THERE
3 ARE SEVERAL LAYERS OF REDUNDANCY FOR THE TRAUMA HELICOPTER
4 TRANSPORTATION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST WOULD ADD, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, A SIGNIFICANT
7 PORTION OF MY DISTRICT, PARTICULARLY SOUTH OF THE 60 OUT THERE
8 IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, IS IN GREAT NEED OF A TRAUMA CENTER
9 AND, HOPEFULLY, AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK FORWARD ON THAT BUT I
10 STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR
11 COORDINATING EFFORTS ON MAKING THIS A REALITY.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WELL, I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE
14 AS WELL. CERTAINLY THE COG AND MR. HUNTER'S TEAM HAVE WORKED
15 VERY DILIGENTLY ON THESE ISSUES, AS WELL AS CAROLYN, HER TEAM
16 HAVE WORKED VERY HARD ON IT AND WE APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE WE'RE
17 FINALLY AT LEAST ADDRESSING, IN THE INTERIM, THE TRAUMA NEEDS
18 AND THE ACCESS NEEDS FOR PEOPLE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THE
19 ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY
20 QUESTION? ANY COMMENT? ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED.
21 THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT, I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE
22 OFFICER IF SHE WOULD PLEASE SWEAR IN ALL OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS
23 WHO WOULD BE TESTIFYING IN OUR PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

24



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WILL ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE
2 THE BOARD ON ANY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE STAND,
3 RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. [ADMINISTERING OATH]

4
5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED. ITEM NUMBER
6 1, MADAM CHAIR?

7
8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES.

9
10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MATTER BEFORE YOUR BOARD IS THE SALE
11 OF THE COUNTY'S RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO THE REAL
12 PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF REDONDO AVENUE AND
13 WILLOW STREET IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
14 SALE, ALL BIDDERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED AND SHOULD MOVE TO THE
15 FRONT OF THE AUDITORIUM SO THAT THE AUCTION CAN BEGIN. THE
16 PROPERTY CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 5.33 ACRES OF LAND, SUBJECT
17 TO A LONG-TERM GROUND LEASE THAT DOES NOT EXPIRE UNTIL JANUARY
18 2052. THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND
19 CONDITIONS OF THE GROUND LEASE AND IS SOLD IN AS-IN CONDITION
20 WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION BY THE COUNTY. THE
21 PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD FOR CASH WITH A MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID
22 OF \$5,500,000. THE SEALED BIDS HAVE BEEN OPENED AND THE
23 HIGHEST SEALED BID WAS \$5,518,000. ORAL BIDS WILL NOW BE
24 ACCEPTED, PROVIDED THE FIRST ORAL BID EXCEEDS BY AT LEAST 5%
25 THE AMOUNT OF THE HIGHEST SEALED BID. THE OPENING BID IS



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1 THEREFORE SET AT \$5,793,900. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST SIGN A
2 PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND DEPOSIT THE FIRST \$25,000 IN
3 CASH OR CASHIERS CHECK WITH THE COUNTY AT THE COMPLETION OF
4 THE BIDDING. THE BALANCE WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN 90
5 DAYS FROM TODAY. ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE
6 NOTICE OF INTENTIONS TO SELL MUST BE MET BEFORE COMPLETION OF
7 THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY'S TITLE AND POSSESSION TO THE
8 PROPERTY. THERE WAS ONE SEALED BID SUBMITTED FROM SHERMAN
9 GARDNER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,518,000. THE BIDDING SHOULD BEGIN
10 AT 5% OVER THE SEALED BID, SO WE WILL START THE BIDDING AT
11 \$5,793,900.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE HAVE-- I'M ASKING ANYONE
14 WITH A PINK NUMBERED CARD TO PLEASE COME TO THE CENTER CABLE
15 AND JOIN US, PLEASE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT INCLUDES JOE
16 VIVILALQUA. PLEASE JOIN US OVER HERE AT THE CENTER TABLE. I'M
17 SORRY? THERE IS NO? ALL RIGHT. LET ME SEE. I HAD A SCRIPT THAT
18 WORKS DIFFERENTLY, SO I THINK, IF THAT IS THE CASE, AND WE
19 ACCEPT THE SEALED BID?

20

21 **RICHARD WEISS:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, I BELIEVE THEN ONE OF THE
22 PROPOSED BIDDER IS MR. GARDNER, SINCE HE SUBMITTED THE
23 QUALIFYING HIGHEST SEALED BID, THERE IS NO NEED TO DO AN ORAL
24 AUCTION. YOUR BOARD IS FREE TO ACCEPT THE HIGHEST WRITTEN BID.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND THAT'S FOR \$5,518,000, IS
2 THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, I BELIEVE THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I BID?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, JOIN US AT THE
9 CENTER TABLE HERE. YOU GOT 5 MIL? ALL RIGHT. THEN, SINCE WE
10 HAVE NO AUCTION, I AM GOING TO GO AHEAD AND CLOSE ALL BIDDING
11 AND ACCEPT THAT THE BID THAT IS BEFORE US, WHICH IS THE BID
12 THAT WAS JUST MENTIONED, AND THAT MAKES THE AWARDEE MR.
13 GARDNER AND MR. GOLDRICH, SO CONGRATULATIONS, GENTLEMEN. MOVED
14 AND SECONDED. ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.
15 THAT WAS A LOT EASIER. I WAS PREPARED TO GO ALL THE WAY TO...
16 [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 2.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY
21 LOCATED AT 2801-2813 FOOTHILL BOULEVARD, LA CRESCENTA FROM
22 COFFEY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP IN AMOUNT OF \$1,450,000 FOR THE LA
23 CRESCENTA LIBRARY PROJECT. AND MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE NO WRITTEN
24 PROTESTS ON THIS ITEM.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO WRITTEN PROTESTS. ANYONE HERE FOR
2 PUBLIC COMMENT? IF NOT, THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. IN LA
3 CRESCENTA. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
4 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT
5 ITEM. ITEM NUMBER 3.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING TO GRANT A NEW 15-YEAR COUNTYWIDE
8 WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO PARK WATER COMPANY, TO RENEW
9 EXISTING FRANCHISE RIGHTS TO TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTE WATER.
10 WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE NO PROTESTS. DO WE NEED
13 A REPORT ON THIS ONE? IF NOT, WE'LL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.
14 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE.
15 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 4.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING TO GRANT A NEW 15-YEAR COUNTYWIDE
18 WATER PIPELINE TO FRANCHISE SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS, TO RENEW
19 EXISTING FRANCHISE RIGHTS TO TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTE WATER.
20 WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THIS IS ON, AGAIN, ITEM NUMBER
23 4. WE HAVE SOMEONE HERE THAT CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF WE
24 HAVE ANY. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE MEMBERS? ALL RIGHT.
25 IF THERE IS NO OTHER COMMENT, THEN THIS IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR



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1 YAROSLAVSKY-- I MEAN KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

2 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 5, PLEASE.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING TO GRANT A NEW 15-YEAR COMMON-

5 CARRIER PETROLEUM PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO S.F.P.P., L.P., TO

6 RENEW EXISTING FRANCHISE RIGHTS TO COLLECT, DISTRIBUTE AND

7 TRANSPORT PETROLEUM AND OTHER PRODUCTS. AND FOR THE RECORD ON

8 THIS, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL BE VOTING "NO."

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE HERE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK

11 ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY

12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF

13 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 7.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND FOR THE RECORD, YOU'RE VOTING "NO" ON

16 THAT.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RIGHT, I AM VOTING "NO" ON THAT, AS NOTED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 7, COMBINED HEARING ON THE

21 FOLLOWING ZONING MATTERS AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION RELATING TO

22 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 38853 NORTH 8TH STREET EAST BETWEEN AVENUE

23 Q AND AVENUE P-12, PALMDALE ZONED DISTRICT, PETITIONED BY

24 HOWARD D. GROFF, ZONE CHANGE CASE NUMBER 04-021-(5) FROM R-3



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1 TO M-1-DP AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NUMBER 04-021-(5).

2 AND WE HAVE STAFF STATEMENTS ON THIS, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

5

6 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD GOOD
7 MORNING. I AM RUSSELL FRICANO OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
8 PLANNING AND, TO MY LEFT, IS KIM SZALAY, THE PLANNER FOR THIS
9 CASE. THIS IS A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE A ZONE CHANGE FROM R-3,
10 WHICH IS LIMITED MULTIPLE RESIDENTS, TO M-1-DP, WHICH IS LIGHT
11 MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
12 TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL STORAGE, PARKING-- AND PARKING AREAS
13 FOR CONTRACTORS' EQUIPMENT IN A RENTAL STORAGE YARD IN THE M-
14 1-DP ZONE. THE CASE WAS HEARD BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING
15 COMMISSION ON APRIL 13TH, 2005 AND JUNE 8TH, 2005. THE
16 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE CONDITIONAL USE
17 PERMIT AND RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF THE REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE
18 ON JULY 6TH OF 2005. AT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
19 HEARING, THE PROJECT RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM THE APPLICANT, MR.
20 GROFF. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED IN OPPOSITION AT THAT
21 TIME. STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
22 AND ADOPTION OF THE CHANGE IN ZONE REQUEST AND THAT CONCLUDES
23 MY PRESENTATION.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THERE'S NO OTHER REPORT FROM YOU, VERY
2 GOOD. ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT ON THAT? WE HAVE TWO
3 PEOPLE FROM THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS US ON THIS. MR.
4 HOWARD GROFF, IF HE WOULD JOIN US, PLEASE, AS WELL AS JOSE G.
5 CASTILLO. PLEASE JOIN US. THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE SEEM TO BE
6 COMING UP. DID THEY SIGN UP? BUT DID THEY SIGN UP TO SPEAK?
7 OH, OKAY. VERY GOOD. COME ON UP, PLEASE. JOIN US. AND YOU ARE,
8 SIR, MR. CASTILLO?

9

10 **JOSE G. CASTILLO:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE. IS MR. HOWARD GROFF HERE AS WELL?
13 PLEASE COME JOIN US, PLEASE. MR. CASTILLO, WOULD YOU BEGIN?

14

15 **JOSE G. CASTILLO:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND COUNTY
16 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOSE CASTILLO AND I'M HERE
17 REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE LOPEZ AND AGUILAR FAMILIES
18 AND OTHERS WHO WOULD BE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY YOUR DECISION ON
19 THIS MATTER TODAY. AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE PHOTOS THAT I'VE
20 DISTRIBUTED WITH THE PACKET THAT YOU HAVE THERE, THE CHANGE OF
21 THE ZONING CHANGE WOULD DRAMATICALLY CHANGE THE TOPOGRAPHY OF
22 THIS STREET AND DIRECTLY AFFECT THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE
23 RESIDENTS OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. THE BUSINESS OWNER THAT IS
24 PROPOSING THIS CHANGE HAS BLATANTLY DISREGARDED THE ZONING
25 RULES AND UTILIZED ADJOINING PROPERTIES AS THOROUGHFARE FOR



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1 GIANT TRUCKS AND TRAILERS LEAVING EARLY IN THE MORNING AND
2 RETURNING LATE IN THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING WITH TOTAL
3 DISREGARD TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THIS
4 NEIGHBORHOOD. IF YOU LOOK AT THE PETITION THAT I'VE CIRCULATED
5 AND IT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY THE RESIDENTS AND OWNERS OF THAT
6 STREET, THIS PARTICULAR CHANGE WOULD HAVE A DRAMATIC IMPACT ON
7 THE QUALITY OF THE RESIDENTS THERE, THE CHILDREN THAT PLAY
8 THERE, BECAUSE OF ALSO THE POTENTIAL FOR DAY LABORERS TO
9 GATHER IN AND AROUND THAT PROPERTY AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND
10 NIGHT. I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO OPPOSE THIS PARTICULAR ZONING
11 CHANGE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. CASTILLO, CAN I ASK A QUESTION?

14

15 **JOSE G. CASTILLO:** YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE WERE JUST REPORTED THAT, AT THE PUBLIC
18 HEARING BEFORE THE CLINE COMMISSION, THERE WAS NO TESTIMONY.

19

20 **JOSE G. CASTILLO:** THERE WAS NO TESTIMONY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** COULD YOU TELL ME WHY?

23

24 **JOSE G. CASTILLO:** LET ME TELL YOU WHY. THESE PEOPLE DON'T
25 SPEAK VERY GOOD ENGLISH, OKAY. SPANISH IS...



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WERE THEY NOTICED?

3

4 **JOSE G. CASTILLO:** THEY NOTICED THE DRAMATIC CHANGES THAT WERE
5 HAPPENING IN AND AROUND THERE. I'M A REAL ESTATE BROKER, JUST
6 SO YOU KNOW WHO I AM.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT DID THEY RECEIVE A FORMAL NOTICE?

9

10 **JOSE G. CASTILLO:** I HAVE NO IDEA IF THEY-- I JUST BECAME AWARE
11 OF THIS ABOUT A WEEK AGO. I CONTACTED THE OWNER AND HE
12 BLATANTLY REFUSED TO RETURN MY CALLS, AS DID HIS AGENTS, OKAY?
13 AND I JUST BECAME AWARE OF THIS ABOUT A WEEK AGO AND I'M DOING
14 THIS FOR FREE BECAUSE THEY NEED TO BE HEARD.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. CASTILLO... (SPEAKING SPANISH).

17

18 **JOSE G. CASTILLO:** HE IS BLIND FROM AN ACCIDENT, SO READING
19 WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW, BUT... (SPEAKING SPANISH). VERY
22 GOOD. THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE MR. HOWARD GROFF. MR. GROFF?

23

24 **HOWARD GROFF:** I'M HOWARD GROFF, AND KEN HERE IS THE ENGINEER
25 ON THIS PROJECT THAT'S BEEN INVOLVED IN IT FOR TWO YEARS PLUS.



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1 UP 'TIL NOW, I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS ANY OPPOSITION. AS
2 FAR AS CONTACTING THEM, BACK IN NOVEMBER OF '03, WE MADE A
3 GOOD FAITH OFFER TO BUY THE PROPERTY AND, AT THE TIME, WE
4 CONTACTED MR. LOPEZ AND WE WERE TOLD THAT HE WAS KIND OF ILL
5 AND WE'D HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE FAMILY, WHICH WE DID ABOUT A
6 MONTH LATER. AND WE DID MAKE A-- WE MADE AN OFFER BASED ON
7 COMPARABLES IN THE AREA BACK THEN AND WE WERE TOLD BY MR.
8 LOPEZ, HIS FAMILY, HIS NIECE THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE
9 DOUBLE THAT PRICE. SO, FOR EQUIPMENT STORAGE, IT JUST BECAME
10 UNFEASIBLE, ECONOMICALLY UNFEASIBLE FOR US. SO THEN HERE
11 ABOUT-- ABOUT A WEEK OR TWO AGO, WE WERE CONTACTED-- WELL,
12 ACTUALLY, BEFORE THAT THE NIECE HAD CALLED-- I HAVE A REAL
13 ESTATE BROKER ALSO THAT KIND OF TENDS TO OUR REAL ESTATE
14 MATTERS. WE WERE CONTACTED BY MR. LOPEZ'S NIECE STATING THAT
15 SHE-- SHE WANTED TO SELL THE PROPERTY AND THE PRICE SHE GAVE
16 US AT THAT TIME WAS ANOTHER 30% MORE THAN THE FIRST OFFER.
17 WE'RE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE WILLING TO DO IT BUT WE CAN'T-- IT'S,
18 LIKE, UNREASONABLE PRICING THEY'RE ASKING FOR THE PROPERTY.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING ELSE? IF NOT, MR.
21 ANTONOVICH?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PRIOR TO THE HEARING, WAS EVERYBODY NOTICED?

24

25 **SPEAKER:** THERE WAS NOTICING, A THOUSAND FOOT RADIUS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WAS IT BILINGUAL?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THE HEARING NOTICE DOES HAVE A SHORT SECTION IN
5 SPANISH.

6

7 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** YES, AND, ACCORDING TO STAFF RECORDS, 70
8 NEIGHBORS WERE NOTICED.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY WERE NOTICED?

11

12 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** 70.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 70. WELL, THE FIRST WE HAD HEARD ABOUT THIS.
15 WE COULD CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO GET ADDITIONAL INPUT FOR THE
16 NEXT HEARING.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA. ALL
19 RIGHT. THEN THIS ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED FOR THE NEXT PUBLIC
20 HEARINGS.

21

22 **RICHARD WEISS:** IF IT'S THE BOARD'S DESIRE TO HAVE THE NEXT
23 HEARING DATE, WHICH I BELIEVE IS OCTOBER 25TH.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, AND MAYBE IN THE
2 INTERIM, MR. CASTILLO, IF YOU'RE REPRESENTING THESE
3 INDIVIDUALS, COULD YOU FIND OUT ABOUT NOTIFICATION. OUR
4 DEPARTMENT CLAIMS THEY DID PROVIDE NOTIFICATION AND THAT
5 CERTAINLY SOME OF THESE ISSUES SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED
6 WITHIN THE PLANNING COMMISSION, BUT MAYBE IF WE CAN FIND A
7 PATHWAY, OUR STAFF WILL MEET WITH YOU.

8

9 **JOSE G. CASTILLO:** I'LL TAKE THE LEAD ON IT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. THIS IS, AGAIN,
12 MR. ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT, SO IF YOU'LL WORK WITH HIS STAFF ON
13 THIS AS WELL. THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM, ITEM NUMBER 8.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DE NOVO HEARING ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
16 CASE NUMBER 00-253-(5) AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION TO
17 AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-STORY, 112-UNIT HOTEL
18 WITH ADJACENT PARKING FOR 119 VEHICLES, TWO CONFERENCE ROOMS
19 AND A SWIMMING POOL ON A VACANT PARCEL IN THE C-3 ZONE.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE HAVE A REPORT ON THIS?

22

23 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, RUSSELL FRICANO AGAIN AND
24 I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MARIA MASIS, THE PLANNER ON THIS CASE OF
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. AND TO HER LEFT IS DENNIS



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1 HUNTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. THIS CASE IS A
2 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-
3 STORY, 112-UNIT HOTEL WITH ADJACENT PARKING FOR 119 VEHICLES,
4 TWO CONFERENCE ROOMS AND A SWIMMING POOL ON A VACANT PARCEL
5 ADJACENT TO INTERSTATE 5 FREEWAY. THE ONLY RESTAURANT FACILITY
6 PROPOSED IS A BREAKFAST SERVICE FOR GUESTS. THE SUBJECT
7 PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 31426 THE OLD ROAD IN THE
8 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF CASTAIC AND THE CASTAIC CANYON
9 ZONED DISTRICT. ZONING ON THE PROPERTY IS C-3, UNLIMITED
10 COMMERCIAL ZONE. STAFF NOTES THE FOLLOWING: THE PROPERTY IS
11 SURROUNDED BY THE I-5 FREEWAY TO THE NORTH, VACANT LAND AND
12 THE I-45 FREEWAY TO THE EAST, THE OLD ROAD TO THE WEST
13 FOLLOWED BY A VACANT SITE APPROVED FOR CONDOMINIUMS AND VACANT
14 LAND TO THE SOUTH, APPROVED FOR AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES AND
15 COMMERCIAL. THE PROPOSED HOTEL IS CONSISTENT WITH THE
16 COMMERCIAL LAND USE DESIGNATION ON THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
17 AREA PLAN. THE PROPOSED HOTEL IS CONSISTENT WITH THE C-3
18 ZONING FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. THERE ARE EXISTING HOTELS
19 ACROSS THE I-5 FREEWAY THAT OPERATE WITH MINIMAL IMPACT ON THE
20 LOCAL COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE SERVICE TO TRAVELERS. PARKING IS
21 PROVIDED IN EXCESS OF WHAT IS REQUIRED BY COUNTY CODE. STAFF
22 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND REGIONAL PLANNING HAVE
23 REVIEWED THE PROJECT AND DETERMINED THAT THERE ARE NO ADVERSE
24 TRAFFIC IMPACTS. PUBLIC WORKS AND REGIONAL PLANNING HAVE ALSO
25 DETERMINED THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT PRESENT A SAFETY ISSUE



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1 FOR PEDESTRIANS. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
2 DETERMINATION INCLUDES A CONDITION THAT PROHIBITS TRACTOR
3 TRAILER AND COMMERCIAL TRUCK PARKING. THE PROPOSED MULTI-STORY
4 CONDOMINIUM PROJECT ACROSS THE STREET PROVIDES A TRANSITION
5 FROM THE HOTEL TO EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES. MY STAFF
6 HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS IN THE AREA IN
7 SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED HOTEL. THE CASTAIC AREA TOWN COUNSEL
8 COUNCIL HAS INDICATED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED HOTEL, AND
9 THE CASTAIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS INDICATED ITS SUPPORT FOR
10 THE HOTEL AS WELL. AND THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER COMMENT? IF NOT, WE HAVE ABOUT 8
13 TO 10 PEOPLE TO ADDRESS US. IF WE COULD ASK TED SILVER TO JOIN
14 US, KATHY COBURN, RICHARD MARKO VIVIAN YEH. PLEASE JOIN US.
15 MR. SILVER, ARE YOU READY? ALL RIGHT. PLEASE HAVE A SEAT.

16

17 **TED SILVER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
18 NAME IS TED SILVER. DOWNTOWN L.A. IS A LONG WAYS FROM CASTAIC.
19 I'VE GOT LETTERS FROM 160 TO 170 RESIDENTS THAT WANTED TO BE
20 HERE BUT, BECAUSE OF WORK, COULDN'T MAKE IT TODAY. THE HOTEL
21 THAT'S PROPOSED IS IN A NEIGHBORHOOD OF-- IT'S AN OLDER
22 NEIGHBORHOOD OF LARGE LOTS. A LOT OF PEOPLE LOOK AT THAT
23 NEIGHBORHOOD AND THEY DON'T SEE THE FACT THAT HOMES ARE BEING
24 REMODELED. BECAUSE OF THE LOTS, PEOPLE MOVE INTO THAT AREA FOR
25 THAT-- FOR THAT USE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE HOTEL IS GOING TO



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1 BRING IN TRANSIENT TRAFFIC. THE PROXIMITY OF THE HOTEL TO
2 HOMES IS JUST TOO CLOSE. THE SUPPOSED CONDOMINIUM PLAN THAT'S
3 ACROSS THE STREET, THOSE ARE NOT CONDOMINIUMS, THEY ARE SINGLE
4 FAMILY DWELLINGS, THEY'RE DETACHED TWO-STORY HOMES. WE HAVE A
5 BAPTIST CHURCH AND SCHOOL WITHIN A BLOCK OF THE PROPOSED
6 MOTEL. THIS MOTEL, OF COURSE, IS GOING TO BE A 24-HOUR
7 BUSINESS. I'VE PERSONALLY SPOKEN TO THE OWNERS OF THE LOCAL
8 HOTELS AND, BY THE WAY, THE FREEWAY IS THE BUFFER. THAT'S WHY
9 WE DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HOTELS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE
10 FREEWAY. THE OWNERS OF THE TWO-- OF TWO OF THE HOTELS IN TOWN
11 HAVE A VERY LOW OCCUPANCY RATE, 10 TO 12 WEEKENDS A YEAR
12 THEY'RE FULL. NORMALLY, THEY RUN IN THE 40 TO 50% RANGE OF
13 OCCUPANCY. THEIR ROOM RATES RUN BETWEEN \$50 AND \$70, DEPENDING
14 ON THE TIME OF THE YEAR. IF THEY BUILD THIS MOTEL, THE OLD
15 PART OF CASTAIC IS NOT GOING TO BE A DESIRABLE PLACE TO LIVE
16 ANYMORE. THERE ARE FAMILIES WITH KIDS, THERE ARE PEOPLE WITH
17 HORSES. THIS IS A TREMENDOUS COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHT
18 ACROSS THE STREET FROM HOMES. IF THEY BUILD THAT, I DO BELIEVE
19 WE'LL SEE A DECLINE IN THE HOMES IN THAT AREA. AS OF LAST
20 WEEKEND, THE DAYS INN, THEY HAVE 54 UNITS. THEY ONLY HAD 17
21 OCCUPIED. CASTAIC INN, HE WAS AT ABOUT 50% OCCUPANCY. THE
22 HIGHEST-- THE HIGHEST RATES THAT WE FOUND WERE IN VALENCIA AND
23 MAGIC MOUNTAIN PARKWAY. THEY WERE BETWEEN THE 119 AND 179-
24 DOLLAR RANGE. IF THIS MOTEL GOES IN AND THEY CAN'T RENT THESE
25 ROOMS, WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THIS HOTEL? THEY'LL



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1 CONTINUALLY LOWER THE RATES UNTIL THEY GET PEOPLE TO STAY
2 THERE BECAUSE THEY'LL HAVE A MORTGAGE TO PAY ALSO. THIS HOTEL
3 IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, IN THIS AREA, IS NOT A GOOD THING. THESE
4 LETTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU. AND ONE OTHER THING, WHEN THIS WENT
5 BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL, I BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS SOME
6 CONFLICT OF INTEREST. ONE OF THE MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL WAS
7 ALSO THE REALTOR ON THE PROPERTY AND HAS HE HAS A VESTED
8 INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY. I'VE BEEN TOLD BY A COUNCIL MEMBER
9 VERY RECENTLY THAT TODAY THAT HOTEL WOULD NOT BE PASSED AT THE
10 LOCAL LEVEL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SILVER. [APPLAUSE]

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE. MISS COBURN.

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16 **KATHY COBURN:** MY NAME IS KATHY COBURN. YOU'VE HEARD AND
17 HOPEFULLY READ THE TRANSCRIPTS FOR OUR VALID REASONS WHY WE DO
18 NOT NEED THIS HOTEL. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT HERE IS A
19 PAST REELECTION CAMPAIGN MAIL-OUT FROM MIKE ANTONOVICH. AS YOU
20 CAN SEE FROM THIS MEDIA PRESENTATION, MR. ANTONOVICH
21 APPRECIATES THE OPEN SPACES TO RIDE HIS HORSE. AS A REMINDER,
22 THERE ARE HORSES LIVING ACROSS THE STREET FROM THIS PROPOSED
23 UNNECESSARY DEVELOPMENT. ONE OTHER THING I WOULD LIKE TO POINT
24 OUT IS MR. ANTONOVICH EVEN HAS AN OPEN SPACE PRESERVE NAMED
25 AFTER HIM, AS WE CAN ALL SEE ON A SIGN ON I-5 NEAR CAL GROVE



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1 EXIT CLOSE TO OUR AREA. WE LIKE OUR OPEN SPACE AS MUCH AS YOU
2 DO, MR. ANTONOVICH. PLEASE STRONGLY CONSIDER OUR LITTLE BIT OF
3 CHERISHED OPEN SPACE THAT IS LEFT FOR OUR CHILDREN AND HORSES.
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** JOINING MR. SILVER AND MISS COBURN ARE
7 OTHER RESIDENTS FROM AREA. I KNOW THEY'RE NOT UP TO SPEAK, BUT
8 COULD YOU JUST PLEASE STAND SO THAT WE COULD AT LEAST KNOW
9 THAT YOU'RE HERE? THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. AND NOW THE
10 FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE IN FAVOR OF IT AND THAT'S MR. RICHARD
11 MARKO, VIVIAN YEH, MICHAEL SUN AND JEFF PREACH. IF THEY WOULD
12 JOIN US, PLEASE. PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.

13

14 **RICHARD MARKO:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
15 BOARD. MY NAME IS RICK MARKO AND I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE
16 APPLICANT AND THE OWNER, THE YEH FAMILY. THEY ARE REQUESTING
17 FINAL APPROVAL OF THE C.U.P. NUMBER 00-253 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
18 A 3-STORY 112-ROOM COMFORT SUITES HOTEL WITH TWO CONFERENCE
19 ROOMS, SWIMMING POOL AND PARKING FOR APPROXIMATELY 98 CARS TO
20 BE CONSTRUCTED ON A VACANT PARCEL ZONED C-3 AND LOCATED AT
21 31425 THE OLD ROAD IN CASTAIC.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION. IS COMFORT HILTON?

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1 **RICHARD MARKO:** IT'S CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL. THE REGIONAL
2 PLANNING COMMISSION FOUND THAT THERE'S NO EVIDENCE THAT THE
3 PROJECT WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND
4 ADOPTED A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVED A
5 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ON FEBRUARY 9TH, 2005. THE NEGATIVE
6 DECLARATION STUDY FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS DUE TO TRAFFIC,
7 NOISE, VISUAL, ACCESS, WATER QUALITY OR CULTURAL RESOURCES. TO
8 REDUCE THE PROJECT VISUAL IMPACT FROM THE FREEWAY AND TO
9 MITIGATE TRAFFIC NOISE, THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE A LANDSCAPE
10 BUFFER AND THE USE OF DUAL PANE GLASS WINDOWS WITH THE HIGH
11 S.T.C. VALUE ALONG THE FREEWAY ELEVATION. A 20-FOOT FRONT
12 SETBACK WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PLAN WITH A LANDSCAPED
13 BUFFER BETWEEN THE OLD ROAD AND THE PROPOSED HOTEL. THE
14 LANDSCAPING SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CASTAIC
15 C.S.D. IN FURTHER CONFORMANCE WITH THE C.S.D., NO TRUCK
16 PARKING WILL BE PROVIDED OR ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES. SECURITY
17 LIGHTING WILL BE LOW INTENSITY, SHIELDED AND DIRECTED
18 DOWNWARD. THE PROPOSED HOTEL DEVELOPMENT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH
19 THE CASTAIC TOWN COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR AN UPSCALE PROPERTY
20 THAT WILL ATTRACT MORE AFFLUENT CLIENTELE, INCLUDING BUSINESS
21 PEOPLE AND LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO UTILIZE THE CONFERENCE
22 ROOM-- ROOMS AND FACILITIES. IT WILL PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT
23 OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE TO THE COMMUNITY, IT WILL INCREASE THE
24 VALUE OF SURROUNDING PROPERTIES. IT WILL ALSO IMPROVE
25 NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE THAT OF A VACANT LOT.



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1 THIS HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED AT THE CANDLEWOOD SUITES HOTEL THAT
2 WE RECENTLY OPENED IN BAKERSFIELD FOR THE SAME OWNER, THE YEH
3 FAMILY, WHO RUNS A FAMILY BUSINESS THAT HAS SUCCESSFULLY
4 DEVELOPED AND OPERATED HOTELS FOR OVER 20 YEARS. YOU CAN REFER
5 TO THE HANDOUT LETTER FROM MARIE CALENDAR STATING THAT. OUR
6 FIRM, MS WALKER AND ASSOCIATES, HAS DEVELOPED AND DESIGNED AND
7 BUILT MANY HOTELS OVER THE YEARS. I HAVE PERSONALLY LED THE
8 DEVELOPMENT, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEVERAL HUNDRED HOTELS
9 AROUND THE COUNTRY OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS. THIS SIZE AND TYPE
10 IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE SITE ALONG THE GOLDEN STATE FREEWAY. IT
11 IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO TRAVELERS AND WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT
12 IMPROVEMENT OVER THE EXISTING HOTEL PROPERTIES. TO CONCLUDE,
13 THE CASTAIC TOWN COUNCIL, THE CASTAIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND
14 THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING HAVE ALL
15 INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT. THE APPLICANT REQUESTS
16 THAT THE COMMISSION ISSUE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE HOTEL WITH THE
17 APPROPRIATE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE CONDITIONS OF
18 APPROVAL.

19
20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. MARKO.

21
22 **RICHARD MARKO:** THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS YEH?



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1 **VIVIAN YEH:** HI. I'M VIVIAN YEH AND I HAVE SOME HANDOUTS TO
2 PASS OUT WITH PICTURES OF THE LOCAL AREA OF WHERE OUR PROPOSED
3 HOTEL WILL BE. AS YOU CAN SEE IN THE PICTURES, NUMBER 1, 2, 3,
4 4 ON YOUR FIRST PAGE ARE ALL EITHER COMMERCIALLY BUILT ALREADY
5 OR COMMERCIALLY ZONED. SAME WITH 5 AND 6. I KNOW ACROSS THE
6 STREET, IN NUMBER 6 OF OLD ROAD, IT IS COMMERCIALLY ZONED BUT
7 THEY WILL BE DO CONDOS THERE. IN NUMBER 7, YOU WILL SEE THAT
8 OUR LOT IS RIGHT NEXT TO THE FREEWAY, SO THAT'S IDEAL FOR A
9 HOTEL AND NOTHING ELSE, REALLY, NO RESIDENTS OR ANYTHING LIKE
10 THAT. ON NUMBER 8, WHICH IS DIRECTLY SOUTH OF US, IS ALSO
11 COMMERCIAL AND NUMBER 9 IS ACROSS THE FREEWAY WHERE THE
12 TRUCKING AND PARKING AND GAS STATIONS ARE, WHICH IS SOMETHING
13 THAT, ACCORDING TO THE CASTAIC COMMITTEE, WE HAVE TO PROHIBIT
14 AND THAT WILL KEEP THE HOTEL CLIENTELE MORE UPSCALE RATHER
15 THAN LIKE THE HOTELS ACROSS THE STREET-- OR ACROSS THE
16 FREEWAY. I ALSO HAVE PICTURES FROM THE CANDLEWOOD SUITES
17 HOTELS TO SHOW YOU THE CALIBER OF THE TYPE OF HOTEL THAT WILL
18 BE PUT IN THERE IN THE CASTAIC PROPERTY. THIS IS THE
19 CANDLEWOOD SUITES HOTEL THAT WAS JUST OPENED IN MARCH 2005,
20 WHICH MARKO'S COMPANY HAD CONSTRUCTED FOR US. YOU CAN SEE THAT
21 THE LOBBY IS VERY NICE AND THE GUEST ROOMS ARE VERY HIGH SCALE
22 WITH MARBLE FLOORS AND VERY NICE ROOMS, SO THE TYPE OF HOTEL
23 IS VERY DIFFERENT TO THOSE ACROSS THE FREEWAY AND WILL BE
24 DIFFERENT-- TARGET DIFFERENT CLIENTELE AS WELL. WE BUILT ALSO
25 CLOSE TO ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD IN BAKERSFIELD AND WE COOPERATED



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1 WITH THE NEIGHBORS TO INCLUDE LANDSCAPING, WE SPENT A LOT OF
2 MONEY TO PUT IN PEPPER TREES, LOTS OF DIFFERENT PALM TREES IN
3 ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE RESIDENTS AND THEY ARE VERY HAPPY UP
4 TO THIS DAY. AND ALSO, YOU'LL SEE A LETTER FROM THE
5 BAKERSFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WRITING ON OUR BEHALF, THE YEH
6 FAMILY, WHO HAVE BEEN CHAMBER MEMBERS OF BAKERSFIELD FOR A
7 LONG TIME AND THEY DEFINITELY RECOMMEND OUR FAMILY AS WELL AS
8 OUR HOTEL IN BAKERSFIELD. THE LAST PAGE IN THE EXHIBITS IS A
9 LETTER FROM MARIE CALENDARS, WHICH IS A NEIGHBOR ADJACENT TO
10 THE CANDLEWOOD SUITES. AND, BEFORE WE HAD CONSTRUCTED THE
11 HOTEL, THEY'VE HAD SOME ISSUES WITH THEFT AND VAGRANTS THAT
12 ARE COMING THROUGH THEIR PARKING LOT AND HIDING OUT IN THAT
13 VACANT LOT AND, WITH OUR HOTEL THERE, NOW HAS ADDED LIGHTING
14 AND AS WELL AS THE THEFT HAS DECREASED AS WELL AND THEY'RE
15 VERY HAPPY WITH OUR HOTEL NEXT DOOR TO THEM. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT WE HAVE MICHAEL
18 SUN. COULD I ALSO ASK JEFF PREACH TO JOIN US AS WELL AS BARRY
19 MORRIS. MR. SUN.

20

21 **MICHAEL SUN:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL SUN, I'M A ARCHITECT FOR THIS
22 PROJECT. WE ACTUALLY STARTED THE PROJECT ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO.
23 WITHIN THOSE THREE YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH
24 COUNTY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS,



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1 FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND CALTRANS AS WELL. WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY
2 WITH THEM UNTIL WE...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MA'AM, WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE
5 LEAVE. WOULD YOU PLEASE LEAVE. WOULD YOU ESCORT HER OUT,
6 PLEASE? I APOLOGIZE. PLEASE PROCEED, MR. SUN.

7

8 **MICHAEL SUN:** YEAH. WE IMPROVE THE PROJECT HERE. WE GET SATISFY
9 FROM EVERY DEPARTMENTS AND THEY ALL SUPPORT THE PROJECT. AND
10 WE ALSO WAS REQUIRED AND CONDITIONED TO DO VARIOUS
11 IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE OLD ROAD AND SURROUND THE HOTEL SITE.
12 THE IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS STREET LIGHT INSTALLMENTS, CURB AND
13 GUTTER, STREET IMPROVEMENTS, SIDEWALKS AND ALSO DRAINAGE,
14 LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AND OWNERS ALWAYS SET ALL THOSE
15 CONDITIONS. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. SUN. MR. PREACH.

18

19 **JEFF PREACH:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JEFF PREACH. I LIVE AT
20 28456 SLOAN CANYON IN CASTAIC. I WAS ASKED TO FOR A LITTLE BIT
21 OF HISTORY. I WAS ON THE CASTAIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR 10
22 YEARS AND THEN ON A LAND USE-- ON THE CASTAIC TOWN COUNCIL
23 LAND USE COMMITTEE FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS AND TO GIVE A LITTLE
24 HISTORY ON THIS. I WAS ALSO THE REAL ESTATE BROKER WHO HANDLED
25 THIS TRANSACTION AND, OF COURSE, I DIDN'T VOTE ON ANY OF THIS



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1 STUFF THAT CAME THROUGH. AND WHAT I WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT A
2 LITTLE BIT OF THE HISTORY. WE HAD TWO LAND USE COMMITTEE
3 MEETINGS IN THE TOWN COUNCIL THAT WAS OUT FOR-- WE POSTED THE
4 PROPERTY, WE MAILED OUT THE PROPERTY, WE HAD MEETINGS AND WE
5 ACTUALLY HAD ANOTHER MEETING WITH THE LOCAL RESIDENTS RIGHT
6 NEXT TO IT TO HELP MITIGATE IT, AND THEN WE WENT TO THE TOWN
7 COUNCIL AND HAD SEVERAL MORE-- TWO MORE MEETINGS OF THE TOWN
8 COUNCIL, AND CAME UP WITH THE CONDITIONS TO MITIGATE WHAT THE
9 NEIGHBORS WERE COMING IN GENERAL, FROM MAKING THE SIZE
10 SMALLER, FOR TRUCK PARKING, LIGHTING, SEVERAL ISSUES AND, AT
11 THE END OF THE-- AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE LAND USE
12 COMMITTEE, THE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ALL
13 UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE PROJECT AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO
14 MENTION TO YOU. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IF WE COULD ALSO HAVE
17 MR. YA YOUNG YEH JOIN US. MR. MORRIS.

18

19 **BARRY MORRIS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS BARRY MORRIS AND I'M THE
20 DIRECTOR OF FRANCHISE SALES AND DEVELOPMENT FOR CHOICE HOTELS
21 INTERNATIONAL. WE ARE THE WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST LODGING
22 FRANCHISER WITH OVER 5,000 HOTELS WORLDWIDE IN 46 DIFFERENT
23 COUNTRIES. WE'VE REACHED THE LEVEL OF SUCCESS THAT WE ARE AT
24 BY MAKING GOOD, SOUND, STRATEGIC DECISIONS. WE SPEND A GREAT
25 DEAL OF TIME QUALIFYING OUR FRANCHISEES AND THEIR PROPOSED



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1 LOCATIONS. I PERSONALLY REPRESENT OUR TOP PERFORMING BRAND,
2 WHICH IS COMFORT SUITES. IT COMPETES HEAD-TO-HEAD AGAINST
3 HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS AND HAMPTON INN. I HAVE PERSONALLY STUDIED
4 THE MARKETPLACE IN CASTAIC AND I'VE VISITED THE PROPOSED
5 LOCATION, AND WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT
6 LOCATION FOR A COMFORT SUITES HOTEL. WE WOULD NOT CONSIDER ANY
7 LOCATION ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE FREEWAY, PRIMARILY BECAUSE IT
8 CATERS MORE TO A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CLIENT. IT'S MUCH LOWER
9 END CLIENT, A CLIENT THAT DOESN'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO PAY AS
10 MUCH AND A LOT OF TRUCKERS. ADDITIONALLY, I HAVE BECOME VERY
11 FAMILIAR WITH THE DEVELOPERS, IRENE AND VIVIAN YEH, AS
12 HOTELIERS AND AS A COMPANY, CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL. I CAN
13 TELL YOU THAT WE'RE VERY IMPRESSED WITH THEIR PROFESSIONALISM
14 AND THEIR EXPERIENCE IN OWNING AND OPERATING A FIRST-CLASS
15 HOTEL. WE FULLY SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A COMFORT
16 SUITES IN CASTAIC AND I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION ALSO THAT THEY
17 CLEARLY BOTH HAVE THE CAPABILITY AND THE INTENT TO MAKE THIS A
18 BEAUTIFUL COMFORT SUITES HOTEL AND WE'RE VERY HONORED TO BE
19 WORKING WITH THEM.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. THE ITEM IS BEFORE
22 US. MR. ANTONOVICH? OH. I THOUGHT THEY DIDN'T WANT TO SPEAK.
23 ALL RIGHT. PLEASE JOIN US, MISS YEH.

24



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1 **YA YOUNG YEH:** I'M LITTLE BIT SHY BECAUSE I STILL HAVE A
2 CAPTURE THERE. MY ENGLISH IS NOT GOOD, I'M AFRAID. MY ENGLISH
3 TRANSLATORS HAVE A LITTLE BIT-- YOU KNOW, I WANT TO SAY, 60
4 YEARS AGO WHEN I BUY THESE LOTS AND THEN CITY COUNCIL, YOU
5 KNOW, IN THE CASTAIC WHOLLY APPROVED OUR PROJECT. THE FIRST
6 IMPORTANCE. THEY DON'T-- THEY HAVE ABOUT-- THEY ARE RESIDENTS
7 TO STAY THERE AND THEY DON'T WANT THE PEOPLE GO TO LIONS
8 AVENUE TO STAY IN THE HOTEL, BECAUSE THEY THINK, IN THE EAST
9 SIDE OF THE FREEWAY, THERE ARE THREE MOTEL, IT'S VERY SMALL
10 AND IT'S NOT VERY GOOD. SO THEY DON'T WANT TO GO TO THERE. SO
11 THAT'S WHY THEY NEED A COAT OF LION ABOVE VALENCIA, ABOUT 10
12 MILE AWAY. SO THEY DON'T HAVE A GOOD FACILITY THERE. THEY'D
13 LIKE A LITTLE BIT NICE HOTEL, LITTLE BIGGER FACILITY THERE. SO
14 THAT'S WHY THEY APPROVED, THE REASON THEY APPROVED, BECAUSE
15 THEY WANT A GOOD HOTEL THERE. THEN I BUILD THE HOTEL BY MYSELF
16 ABOUT THREE HOTELS IN BAKERSFIELD. AND THEN POTTERVILLE IN
17 BAKERSFIELD, THEY INVITE ME TO BUILD ANOTHER ONE BECAUSE WHEN
18 I BUILD A HOTEL, IT'S ECONOMICAL AND HIGH CLASS, BECAUSE ME
19 AND MY DAUGHTER, WE ARE TWO PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER, WE DON'T
20 NEED TO HIRE A WHOLE BUNCH OF OTHER PEOPLE, SO WE CAN SAVE THE
21 MONEY. AND MARRIOTT, PRESIDENT OF-- VICE-PRESIDENT STAY AT MY
22 MOTEL WHEN THEY BUILD THE RESIDENCY CROSSWAYS FROM ME. THEY
23 SAY, WHO BUILD THIS MOTEL? IF MY MARRIOTT 100% STILL CANNOT
24 MAKE IT EVEN, IF YOU CHARGE A LOWER RATE. SO THAT'S WHY WE CAN
25 BUILD NICE, ECONOMICAL HOTEL AND GOOD HOTEL. THAT'S WHY.



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1 ANOTHER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INVITE US TO BUILD BUT, BECAUSE
2 THEY ARE A SMALL COUNTY, THEY TALK ABOUT 15 YEARS AGO, TO
3 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WANT US BUILD BUT I DO BY MYSELF. I DON'T
4 HAVE ANYBODY HELP ME. I CANNOT GO AND THE BANK DON'T WANT TO
5 LOAN US MONEY AND NOW MY DAUGHTER CAN HELP ME. SHE HAS A MAJOR
6 IN BUSINESS. SO WE CAN PROVIDE CASTAIC IS GOOD HOTEL. IF
7 ANOTHER HOTEL BUILD THERE, THEY CAN CHARGE \$150, \$130 EASY FOR
8 THE BIG HOTEL BUT, FOR ME AND MY DAUGHTER, THIS IS VERY
9 CONTRIBUTION FOR THE CASTAIC. IF THEY DON'T TAKE THIS PROJECT,
10 I DON'T THINK IT IS THEIR MISTAKE BECAUSE WE CAN PROVIDE GOOD
11 QUALITY WITH GOOD RATE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS YEH. MR. ANTONOVICH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS PROPOSAL BEFORE US TODAY IS CONSISTENT
16 WITH THE COMMERCIAL LAND USE DESIGNATION ON THE SANTA CLARITA
17 VALLEY AREA PLAN AND THE ZONING IS CONSISTENT WITH THE C-3
18 ZONING FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, SO THERE'S NO ZONE CHANGE AND
19 THE EXISTING HOTELS ACROSS THE I-5 FREEWAY HAVE OPERATED WITH
20 MINIMAL IMPACT ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND DO PROVIDE SERVICE
21 TO THE CONSTITUENTS IN THAT AREA. PROPERTY IS SURROUNDED BY
22 THE I-5 TO THE NORTH. IT'S A VACANT LAND AND THE I-5 FREEWAY
23 TO THE EAST. THE OLD ROAD TO THE WEST IS FOLLOWED BY A VACANT
24 SITE APPROVED FOR CONDOMINIUMS AND VACANT LAND TO THE SOUTH,
25 WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR A PROPOSED JIFFY LUBE. PARKING IS



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1 BEING REQUIRED IN EXCESS OF WHAT IS REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY'S
2 CODE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS AND REGIONAL PLANNING HERE REVIEWED
3 THE PROJECT AND DETERMINED THAT THERE WERE NO VISUAL ADVERSE
4 TRAFFIC IMPACTS. THE PROPOSAL IS BEING SUPPORTED, AS WAS
5 STATED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CASTAIC
6 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS INDICATED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL
7 AND THERE WERE A COUPLE AREAS THAT I HAD ADDITIONAL CONCERNS
8 WITH, THOUGH. AND TWO AREAS IN WHICH THEY HAD DEVIATED FROM
9 THE AREA PLAN, THE STANDARDS DISTRICT, WHICH THE COMMUNITY HAD
10 WORKED, I BELIEVE, IT WAS EIGHT YEARS IN DEVELOPING AND I
11 WOULD BE OPPOSED TO DEVIATING FROM THAT UNLESS THERE WAS A
12 SPECIFIC REASON THAT HAD STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT, WHICH THERE
13 IS NOT ON THAT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO-- AND RELATIVE TO
14 EQUESTRIAN, THIS IS NOT AN EQUESTRIAN TRAIL OR IMPACT AN
15 EXISTING EQUESTRIAN TRAIL IN THE AREA. BUT THE REGIONAL
16 PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THIS C.U.P., IN MY OPINION,
17 HAD IGNORED EIGHT YEARS OF COMMUNITY INPUT AND DEBATE THAT LED
18 TO THE ADOPTION OF THE CASTAIC VAL VERDE COMMUNITY STANDARDS
19 DISTRICT. THERE WAS A CONSENSUS AT THAT TIME AND STILL REMAINS
20 FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, RESIDENTS, DEVELOPERS AND THE BUSINESS
21 COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THIS C.S.T. THE CASTAIC COMMUNITY EXPECTS
22 THE BOARD TO ENFORCE THOSE PROVISIONS AND THE COUNTY OUGHT NOT
23 TO GRANT ANY EXCEPTIONS UNLESS THERE WAS A FIRM SUPPORT FROM
24 THE COMMUNITY FOR SUCH EXCEPTIONS AND THERE AREN'T IN THIS
25 CASE. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL



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1 TO ENSURE THAT THE BUILDING HEIGHT, THE FRONT SETBACK AND
2 LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
3 CASTAIC VAL VERDE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, DIRECT COUNTY
4 COUNSEL TO INCORPORATE AN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT THAT THE
5 APPLICANT INSTALL A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF
6 PARKER ROAD AND THE OLD ROAD TO BE OPERATIONAL PRIOR TO THE
7 ISSUANCE OF THE FIRST CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY FOR THE HOTEL,
8 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, APPROVE THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE
9 DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, INTENT TO
10 APPROVE THE C.U.P. 002535 AND DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE
11 THE APPROPRIATE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS AS STIPULATED IN THE
12 MOTION.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED. IS THERE A
15 SECOND? SECOND. SURE. MS. BURKE?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ON THE MAP THAT WAS PASSED OUT BY ONE OF THE
18 PROPONENTS OF THE PROJECT, THEY HAVE A NUMBER-- NUMBERS ON IT,
19 AND THEY ALSO SHOW PARKER ROAD, THE OLD ROAD BUT I DON'T SEE
20 8TH STREET WHERE APPARENTLY ALL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPOSING,
21 THEIR ADDRESS IS 388 8TH STREET. WHERE IS 8TH STREET IN
22 RELATIONSHIP TO THE OLD ROAD OR CHURCH STREET OR CORINA
23 AVENUE?

24

25 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** I BELIEVE THAT WAS FOR THE PREVIOUS ITEM.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, I SEE. OKAY. WELL, HOW CLOSE IS 8TH STREET--
3 OH, YOU MEAN THE OPPOSITION WAS FOR A PREVIOUS...

4

5 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** NO, THIS WAS-- YEAH, THIS WAS THE PREVIOUS
6 CASE THAT WAS HEARD. 8TH STREET ISN'T PART OF THIS PARTICULAR
7 REQUEST.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** 8TH STREET IS PART OF THIS ONE.

10

11 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** NO. IT WAS FOR THE PREVIOUS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S PART OF PALMDALE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, IT'S PART OF PALMDALE BUT THIS ONE, THE PEOPLE
16 WHO ARE-- ARE THERE PEOPLE OPPOSING THIS, THE PEOPLE WHO
17 TESTIFIED?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** WHERE DO THEY LIVE IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE ACTUAL
22 PROJECT, THE HOTEL?

23

24 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** I BELIEVE WESTERLY OF THE PROJECT SITE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WAIT A MINUTE, IS THIS THE RIGHT MAP THAT WAS
2 PASSED OUT?

3

4 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** I WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A CLOSER...

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. WHERE DO THE PEOPLE RESIDE WHO OPPOSE THIS?
7 I THOUGHT THAT, WHEN THEY PASSED THIS OUT, THAT THIS WAS
8 PASSED OUT FOR THIS. I'M SORRY.

9

10 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** YES. I BELIEVE THE APPLICANT PASSED THIS
11 PARTICULAR DIAGRAM OUT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THIS WAS NOT...

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS FROM THE APPLICANT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** THIS IS FROM THE APPLICANT AND I'M TRYING TO FIND
18 OUT WHERE THE PEOPLE LIVE AND THE ADDRESSES OF THE PEOPLE WHO
19 ARE OPPOSING.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SILVER, DO YOU HAVE THAT INFORMATION?
22 ALL RIGHT. (OFF-MIKE).

23

24 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE).

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** SO HOW FAR AWAY ARE THEY FROM THE HOTEL?

2

3 **YA YOUNG YEH:** WE HAD ONE HERE, ON OUR SIDE HERE, AND THE CROSS
4 STREET, THIS IS THE HOUSES. (INAUDIBLE)

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** DO THEY LIVE NEAR CORINA AND CHURCH?

7

8 **VIVIAN YEH:** (INAUDIBLE) THAT'S NOT THE ONE THAT (INAUDIBLE)

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY LIVE ALONG CHURCH STREET PRIMARILY?

11

12 **VIVIAN YEH:** NO, THAT'S WHERE THE PROPOSED HOTEL (INAUDIBLE)

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL THROUGHOUT THIS AREA AND IT'S ABOUT HOW FAR
15 FROM THE HOTEL?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** EVERYTHING THAT'S IN ORANGE ON THAT MAP IS
18 RESIDENTIAL. THERE ARE HOMES THERE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WHERE THE PEOPLE LIVE WHO HAVE...

21

22 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. THERE IS A RED SQUARE THAT INDICATES THE
23 HOTEL. CORRECT. THE CONDOMINIUMS ARE THE HOMES THAT ARE
24 SUPPOSED TO BE BUILT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THIS HOTEL. I'VE
25 BEEN TOLD THE BUILDERS SAID, IF THIS HOTEL GOES IN, HE WILL



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1 NOT SPEND THE MONEY AND BUILD THESE HOUSES BECAUSE HE WON'T BE
2 ABLE TO SELL THEM. AT THAT POINT IN TIME, SOMETHING ELSE WILL
3 GO IN THERE. WHO KNOWS WHAT.

4

5 **VIVIAN YEH:** ACTUALLY, THE GENTLEMAN EARLIER WHO SPOKE ON OUR
6 BEHALF, JEFF PREACH, HAD SPOKEN TO THE OWNER OR THE BUILDER OF
7 THE CONDOS BECAUSE HE KNOWS HIM PERSONALLY AND HE SAID THAT
8 HE'S NOT...

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MA'AM, YOU DIDN'T SIGN UP SO... ALL RIGHT.
11 MS. BURKE?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN YOU SAID THAT THERE WAS NO ONE IN THE
14 PROXIMITY WHO WAS OPPOSING IT, THAT'S THE REASON I WAS
15 CONFUSED ABOUT IT. THESE PEOPLE APPARENTLY ARE ACROSS THE
16 STREET. IS THAT IT?

17

18 **VIVIAN YEH:** ACROSS THE STREET IS A EMPTY LOT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEN ARE...

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BEYOND THE EMPTY LOT.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** BEYOND THE EMPTY-- ON-- THE EMPTY LOT IS ON THE
25 OLD ROAD, RIGHT? ACROSS THE STREET. AND THEN THE PEOPLE WHO



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1 ARE HERE ARE ON CHURCH STREET, CORINA AND IN THAT AREA-- IN
2 THAT AREA, RIGHT?

3

4 **YA YOUNG YEH:** YOU KNOW, THE LOCAL PEOPLE, THEY ARE-- LAST
5 TIME, HAVE A INDIVIDUAL MEETING, THEY START SUGGESTING US TO
6 PUT THE SHOPPING CENTER OR ANOTHER KIND BUSINESS. YOU KNOW, IF
7 YOU HAVE A SHOPPING CENTER IN THAT CORNER, YOU CREATE MORE
8 TRAFFIC, OKAY? IF YOU'RE THERE IN THE CASTAIC, A LOT OF R.V.
9 PARK, A LOT OF STORAGE ROOM. IF YOU HAVE A R.V. PARK FOR THE
10 R.V. PARK HOUSE, A R.V. PARK, THEN YOU CREATE MORE TRAFFIC IN
11 THAT CORNER BECAUSE ONLY I THINK A HOTEL IS A MORE QUIET
12 BUSINESS, PEOPLE COME IN AND GO IN BUT IF THEY'RE SUGGESTING
13 US GO TO, YOU KNOW, PUT THE SHOPPING CENTER, THEY CREATE MORE
14 TRAFFIC. I DON'T KNOW WHY, YOU KNOW, THIS IS-- AND, YOU KNOW,
15 OUR HOTEL IS FROM THE FREEWAY, YOU CAN SEE OUR SING. THE NEXT
16 ONE IS OLD ROAD. AFTER OLD ROAD, THE EMPTY LOT IT'S THE
17 CONDOMINIUMS. THEY JUST APPROVE. THIS LOT WAS COMMERCIAL BUT
18 THEY APPROVED FOR CONDOMINIUMS. WE JUST TALK TO THE
19 CONDOMINIUM OWNER. HE SAY HE DON'T CARE WHAT THE HOTEL PUTS
20 THERE AND THEN, BEHIND THE CONDOMINIUM, IS THE HOUSE AND THE
21 CASTAIC HOUSE IS VERY BIG. YOU CAN SEE MY KENDO [PH?] SUITE,
22 YOU KNOW, IN BAKERSFIELD, MY KENDO [PH?] SUITE NEXT DOOR IS
23 THE HOUSE. AND THEN WE PUT THE BLOCK WALL AND PUT ALL THE
24 TREES THERE. THEY ARE VERY HAPPY. WE WENT THERE JUST TO VISIT
25 THEM, HOW THEY FEEL, BECAUSE IF PEOPLE DON'T LIKE IT, I DON'T



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1 WANT TO BUILD, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE I'M NOT A DESPERATE PERSON.
2 I'M A BUSINESSPERSON. BUT THEY HAVE ABOUT 20 MILLION-- 20,000
3 PEOPLE THERE AGREE, ONLY EXCEPT THIS 100 PEOPLE. BUT I HEARD,
4 I HEARD 1,000, YOU KNOW, I HEARD, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE, BEFORE WE
5 APPROVE, LAST TIME APPROVE, ONE PEOPLE PUT THE BIG SIGN THERE
6 ON MY PROPERTY AND SAY, "YOU AGREE TO THIS. IF YOU DON'T
7 AGREE, WOULD YOU PLEASE WRITE A LETTER TO US." SO I THINK THIS
8 IS BY THE FREEWAY 5. WHAT YOU CAN BUILD, I DON'T KNOW, BESIDES
9 A BUSINESS, YOU CANNOT BUILD BECAUSE WE'RE JUST ON THE FREEWAY
10 5.

11

12 **VIVIAN YEH:** ACTUALLY, A RESIDENT OF CASTAIC DID CALL US AND
13 LET US KNOW THAT THERE WERE SOME HOMELESS PEOPLE LIVING IN THE
14 VACANT LOT AND THEY HAD ACTUALLY SET FIRE, SO SHE CALLED ME TO
15 WARN ME AND TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED AND THAT, BECAUSE IT'S A
16 VACANT LOT, YOU KNOW, HOMELESS VAGRANTS SLEEP THERE BUT WAS--
17 WAS HAPPY THAT THE HOTEL WAS COMING.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT I SAID IS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND
20 THE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT THAT AND THERE WAS NOT OPPOSITION AT
21 THE HEARING OR THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RIGHT. THIS IS NOT A DEBATE HERE. WE'RE
2 GOING TO BRING SOME ISSUES...

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HAD APPROVED
5 IT UNANIMOUSLY AND THIS PROPERTY IS DESIGNATED ON THE AREA
6 PLAN AS COMMERCIAL LAND USE. SO IT'S NEXT TO THE FREEWAY. THEY
7 WANTED 5 FEET LESS THAN-- OR 5 FEET MORE THAN THE STANDARD
8 DISTRICT AND WE'RE SAYING IT SHOULD BE 5 FEET LESS TO CONFORM
9 WITH THE STANDARDS DISTRICT, BECAUSE THE STANDARDS DISTRICT,
10 WHICH TOOK EIGHT YEARS TO DEVELOP AND TOOK ALL OF THE
11 COMMUNITY TO ADOPT, OUGHT TO BE-- RETAIN ITS INTEGRITY AND NOT
12 BE VIOLATED.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. SO ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE
15 FROM THE COMMUNITY IN OPPOSITION TO THE LOWER HEIGHT OR ARE
16 THEY SUPPORTING THE LOWER HEIGHT OR THE HOTEL?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T KNOW...

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY JUST DON'T WANT THE HOTEL?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY JUST DON'T WANT THE HOTEL. BUT THE POINT
23 IS, THEY SHOULD COMPLY TO THE STANDARDS DISTRICT RELATIVE TO
24 LANDSCAPING AND HEIGHT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN THEY BUILD THE HOTEL WITHIN THOSE
2 PARAMETERS OR DOES THAT KILL THEIR PROJECT?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT, I DON'T KNOW.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** WHAT IS THE STANDARD? I'M NOT FAMILIAR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 35 FEET. YOU WANT IT 40 FEET.

9

10 **VIVIAN YEH:** WELL, I'M SURE IT'S SOMETHING WE CAN WORK OUT, AND
11 WE'VE ALREADY, WITH THE OTHER CONCESSION, THE 20-FOOT SETBACK,
12 WE ALREADY SAID OKAY TO THAT. SO WE WANT THE PROJECT...

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDS.

15

16 **VIVIAN YEH:** YEAH, WE'RE GOING TO GET THE PROJECT UP NO MATTER
17 WHAT SO WE'LL WORK WITH YOU TO DO THE BEST WE CAN TO SEE WITH
18 THE HEIGHT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD.

21

22 **RICHARD MARKO:** I CAN ADDRESS THE HEIGHT ISSUE BRIEFLY. THE
23 MAIN PORTION OF THE HOTEL WILL BE AT OR BELOW 35 FEET. IN
24 FACT, IT WILL PROBABLY BE 33 FEET. THERE IS A LIMITED AREA IN
25 THE FRONT ENTRYWAY, TO ADD ARTICULATION AND DEFINE THE



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1 ENTRANCE, THAT IS UP TO ABOUT 36 FEET, 37 FEET, WE'RE NOT SURE
2 YET. WE'VE TRIED TO GET IT DOWN TO 35 FEET. WE'RE HAVING GREAT
3 DIFFICULTIES ACHIEVING THAT BUT IT IS A VERY MINOR AREA OF THE
4 HOTEL, NOT VERY LARGE AT ALL AND WE HAVE REDUCED IT FROM THE
5 ORIGINAL 43 FEET, I THINK IT WAS, DOWN TO ABOUT 36 FEET. WE'RE
6 ALMOST THERE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT A DESIGN FEATURE?

9

10 **RICHARD MARKO:** IT IS A TRADEMARK FEATURE OF THE CHOICE HOTELS.
11 IT DEFINES THE ENTRANCE OF THE HOTEL.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** IT'S JUST A SMALL PORTION.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** IT'S VERY SMALL.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. IS THERE
18 ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY
23 OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

24

25 **VIVIAN YEH:** THANK YOU.



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2 **RICHARD MARKO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR
5 PUBLIC HEARINGS. I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO MR. ANTONOVICH
6 FOR HIS SPECIALS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME FIRST COMMEND SANDRA AUSMAN, LORD
9 SAAB, AND CHRIS CRABTREE FOR A SUPERB CONSULATE CORPS
10 RECEPTION DINNER LAST NIGHT. AND OUR C.A.O., DAVID JANSSEN,
11 WHO WAS A VERY ARTICULATE EMCEE. THE PROGRAM MOVED EXTREMELY
12 WELL AND THOSE WHO HELPED CHILDREN WITH HOMEWORK, IT WAS OVER
13 BY 8:00 AND THAT WAS WITH THE AWARDING OF THE TENNIS/GOLF
14 AWARDS AND EVERYONE HAVING A SAY. IT WAS THE MOST WELL RUN,
15 ORGANIZED CONSULATE CORPS AND I BELIEVE IT'S OUR 19TH THAT
16 WE'VE HELD AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSULATE CORPS WHO EXCEED
17 90 MEMBERS, WE HAVE THREE MORE, YOU KNOW, COUNTRIES BEING
18 POSTED HERE, IS THE THIRD LARGEST CONSULATE CORPS IN THE
19 WORLD, THE LARGEST BEING IN NEW YORK AND HONG KONG BUT AGAIN,
20 SONDRRA, LOURDES AND CHRIS THE STAFF FROM THE PROTOCOL OFFICE
21 DID A PHENOMENAL JOB. IT WAS WELL ORGANIZED AND I JUST WANT TO
22 THANK THEM PUBLICLY FOR THAT. I'D LIKE TO MOVE SOME
23 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS. FIRST, OFFICER DAVID ROMERO, WHO WAS THE
24 HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN AN
25 ACCIDENT WHILE ON DUTY THIS PAST WEEK.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I WANT TO BE ON THAT AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. MITRY PETER AJALAT, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
5 SEPTEMBER 25TH. HE WAS BELOVED FATHER, GRANDFATHER AND GREAT-
6 GRANDFATHER. I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH THIS SON, DR. CHARLES
7 AJALAT. DR. AJALAT SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AS A
8 MEDICAL DOCTOR. HE WAS WOUNDED AT THE GUADALCANAL. HE WAS AN
9 ARMY CAPTAIN WITH THE INFANTRY. HE WAS AWARDED BOTH THE SILVER
10 STAR AND THE PURPLE HEART. HE HAD BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ST.
11 NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CATHEDRAL AS WELL AS INVOLVED IN
12 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. THOMAS ROSS BOND, BEST KNOWN AS TOMMY
13 AND PROMINENTLY AS BUTCH, THE NEMESIS OF ALFALFA IN THE HAL
14 ROACH'S "OUR GANG" COMEDY SERIAL, PASSED AWAY AT 79. AS MANY
15 OF YOU KNOW, DEBBIE MENDELSSOHN, MY DEPUTY, HER FATHER WAS
16 JUNIOR IN THAT "OUR GANG" COMEDY SERIES. HE PASSED AWAY, AS I
17 SAID, AT THE AGE OF 79. WILLIAM STANLEY CAHILL, WORLD RENOWNED
18 WEDDING GOWN DESIGNER, GIFTED ARTIST, PASSED AWAY. HE WAS ALSO
19 A MEMBER OF THE DESIGN TEAM AT LOCKHEED, WHICH DESIGNED
20 BOMBERS DURING WORLD WAR II. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DEVOTED
21 BROTHER AND GOOD FRIEND, JACK CAHILL AND HIS WIFE, TERRY AND
22 ALSO MARY JOYCE. NORMAN CALEEL OF BURBANK, RESIDENT OF BURBANK
23 FOR THE PAST 62 YEARS, ACTIVE IN THE BURBANK AMERICAN RED
24 CROSS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TEAM AND BLOOD BANKS, WHERE HE
25 PERSONALLY DONATED 174 UNITS OF BLOOD OVER HIS LIFETIME. ST.



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1 JOSEPH'S MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH FAIRS, THE FLU IMMUNIZATION
2 CAMPAIGNS, HE WAS THE ELK OF THE YEAR IN GIRL SCOUTS AND PONY
3 TAIL SOFTBALL LEAGUE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 62 YEARS,
4 KATHERINE AND DAUGHTERS CHRISTIE, LEOTA AND LIZ. FORMER
5 ASSEMBLYMAN MICKEY CONROY, A REPUBLICAN WHO REPRESENTED PART
6 OF ORANGE COUNTY, PASSED AWAY. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
7 77. HIS LEGISLATIVE CAREER WAS HIS THIRD CAREER AFTER SERVING
8 21 YEARS IN THE MILITARY, SIX YEARS AS MANAGER OF THE VETERANS
9 CHARITIES OF ORANGE COUNTY. HE SERVED IN THREE WARS AS A
10 MARINE, A NAVAL AVIATOR, AND SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 49 YEARS,
11 ANN, AND HIS CHILDREN, MICHAEL AND KATHY AND HIS
12 GRANDCHILDREN.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN THE MICKEY CONROY. BARBARA MAGER,
15 A WIFE AND MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER PASSED AWAY. SHE HAD TWO
16 CHILDREN AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF CHURCH I
17 ATTEND, OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN. HER HUSBAND, DON, IS ONE OF OUR
18 USHERS. HAD A VERY VALIANT FIGHT AGAINST CANCER. JACK
19 MALICOTT, FATHER OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ANTELOPE
20 VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHO IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
21 PATSY, AND IS TWO CHILDREN, JEFFREY AND STEVE. FRANK MCDANIEL,
22 NAVAL AVIATOR DURING WORLD WAR II, LATER WORKED FOR LOCKHEED.
23 HE WAS INVOLVED IN OUR PLACERITA CANYON AREA NATURAL AREA AND
24 NATURE CENTER AS A DOCENT-NATURALIST AND AS PRESIDENT. HE
25 LEAVES HIS WIFE MARTHA OF 61 YEARS. CONSTANCE MOORE, ACTRESS



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1 WHO STARRED IN A NUMBER OF WORLD WAR II MUSICALS AND FILMS AND
2 ALSO AS BUSTER CRAB'S CO-STAR IN THE 1939 BUCK ROGERS SERIAL
3 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THEIR
4 MEMORIES.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOTION THAT THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE
9 SHERIFF'S COMMERCIAL CRIMES BUREAU WAS BURGLARIZED SOMETIME
10 LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON ON SEPTEMBER 24TH AND EARLY MORNING OF
11 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH. THE PERPETRATORS FORCED ENTRY INTO THE
12 CLEARLY MARKED SHERIFF'S FACILITY IN WEST COVINA, STOLE TWO
13 VIDEO CAMERAS, SYSTEMS. THE WEST COVINA POLICE DEPARTMENT IS
14 SEEKING WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN THAT ARREST
15 FOR THOSE RESPONSIBLE. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD OFFER A
16 10,000-DOLLAR REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND
17 CONVICTION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BURGLARY OF THE
18 SHERIFF'S COMMERCIAL CRIMES BUREAU SATELLITE OFFICE SOMETIME
19 AFTER LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON ON SEPTEMBER 24TH AND EARLY
20 MORNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, IN WEST COVINA. PASS THAT NOW.
21 I'D SO MOVE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THERE SHOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO
24 THIS. MOVED AND SECONDED. IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ON THE-- INTERESTING, ON THE-- ON OUR
2 DISARM PROGRAM, THE STATISTICS CAME OUT FOR THIS MONTH AND,
3 DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, WE HAD NEARLY 350 SEARCHES OF
4 WHICH 23 WEAPONS WERE CONFISCATED AND THAT INCLUDED A NUMBER
5 OF HANDGUNS AND OTHER TYPES OF WEAPONS. AND THAT WAS-- SINCE
6 ITS INCEPTION IN FEBRUARY OF 2000, THERE HAVE BEEN OVER 2,100
7 WEAPONS CONFISCATED IN THESE PROGRAMS. THAT MEANS LESS
8 VIOLENCE ON THE STREETS WITH THAT PROGRAM. ON ITEM NUMBER 33-
9 C, I'D LIKE TO REPLACE THAT MOTION WITH ANOTHER MOTION. ON
10 MONDAY, NAVIGANT EXECUTIVES, BILL GOODYEAR AND BEN PERKS,
11 THEIR CHAIRMAN, C.E.O., VICE PRESIDENT, C.F.O. MET WITH OUR
12 BOARD OFFICES REGARDING OUR CONCERNS WITH THEIR-- NAVIGANT'S
13 BILLINGS. ARE THEY PERSONALLY COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A TEAM OF
14 FINANCIAL EXPERTS WHO WILL BE COMING OUT HERE TO WORK WITH OUR
15 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO RECONCILE
16 THEIR BILLINGS, TO ENSURE THAT THE PROTOCOLS IN THE COUNTY ARE
17 FOLLOWED AND VALIDATING THAT THEIR STAFF WILL BE ON SITE,
18 PROVIDING THE SERVICES THAT WE ARE PAYING FOR? AND, AS A
19 RESULT, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS SUBSTITUTE MOTION THAT THE
20 CHAIRMAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE VICE
21 PRESIDENT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FROM NAVIGANT HAVE
22 COMMITTED TO SEND A TEAM FROM THEIR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS TO
23 WORK WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
24 SERVICES TO RECONCILE ALL INVOICES SUBMITTED TO DATE TO BE
25 COMPLETED BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD



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1 DIRECT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER OF D.H.S. TO REPORT BACK IN ONE
2 WEEK WITH THE STATUS OF THAT REVIEW AND ALL INVOICES SUBMITTED
3 IN THAT REPORT. AND I WANT TO COMMEND THEM, THEY WERE SHOCKED,
4 THEY WERE DISMAYED AND TOTALLY APOLOGETIC FOR ANY ERRORS AND
5 TOO BAD THEY WEREN'T THE TEAM FROM THE BEGINNING. BUT ANYWAY,
6 THAT WOULD BE-- I THINK YOU WERE IN THAT MEETING, MR. JANSSEN
7 AND THEY PERSONALLY APOLOGIZED SO...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.
10 AND WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM.
11 HMM. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND CHRISTINA EDWARDS. I'VE
12 NOTICED THAT YOU'VE EACH SIGNED UP FOR NOT ONLY 33-C, BUT 31
13 AND 32. SO IF YOU'D ADDRESS THOSE ITEMS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
14 IT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WOULD BE OCTOBER 11TH, BECAUSE OCTOBER
17 4TH IS A HOLIDAY.

18

19 **CHRISTINA EDWARDS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. LET ME ADDRESS 31 AND 32
20 FIRST BY SIMPLY SAYING YOU SHOULD BE NOT GIVING IN TO DR.
21 GARTHWAITE'S CONSTANT REQUEST TO ALWAYS POSTPONE THINGS. THIS
22 IS A WELL-PAID INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A TEAM OF INDIVIDUALS WHO
23 WORK WITH HIM. HE'S HAD OVER A YEAR AND A HALF, I THINK, AT
24 LEAST, ON THE DREW INCIDENTS, TO WORK-- TO PRESENT THESE
25 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THAT AND TO CONTINUALLY ASK FOR



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1 POSTPONEMENT AFTER POSTPONEMENT IS RIDICULOUS. YOU KNOW,
2 THERE'S A TIME WHEN THE RUBBER HITS THE ROAD AND THAT SHOULD
3 HAVE BEEN A YEAR AGO. TO GIVE HIM AN EXTRA TWO WEEKS, YOU
4 KNOW, DO YOU RAISE YOUR CHILDREN THIS WAY, CONSTANTLY GIVING
5 THEM, YOU KNOW, EXTENSIONS AND EXTENSIONS AND EXTENSIONS? AS
6 FOR THE JOINT ACCREDITATION, THERE IS, AGAIN, NO REASON TO ASK
7 FOR AN EXTENSION. THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE PAYING
8 \$15 MILLION PLUS 25% TO NAVIGANT TO HELP WITH. A TWO-WEEK
9 POSTPONEMENT, AGAIN, IS RATHER RIDICULOUS BUT, OF COURSE, THIS
10 IS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND YOU ARE NEGLIGENT PARENTS AT
11 BEST. YOU ALLOW A MAN WHO YOU ARE PAYING TO DO HIS JOB TO JUST
12 TWIRL YOU AROUND IN THE WIND, AND I'M USING POLITE LANGUAGE
13 BECAUSE THERE'S A REALLY GOOD TERM THAT I COULD USE AND YOU
14 KNOW WHAT THAT WORD IS BUT YOU ACCEPT IT. SO THE QUESTION IS,
15 WHAT DOES HE HAVE ON YOU, WHAT BRIBES IS HE GIVING TO YOU, OR
16 ARE YOU TAKING FROM HIM? WHY DO YOU ALLOW HIM TO POSTPONE AND
17 NOT DO HIS JOB? NOW, AS THEY SAY ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME. DR.
18 GARTHWAITE HAS BEEN THE LEADER OF THE PROJECT ON KING DREW NOW
19 FOR ALMOST THREE YEARS. EACH CONSULTING TEAM HE BRINGS IN, BE
20 IT EITHER HIS OWN STAFF OR HIGHLY PAID CONSULTANTS, THE CAMDEN
21 GROUP COMES TO MIND, A MILLION DOLLARS OUT THE WINDOW THERE,
22 CONSTANTLY FAIL. NOW IT'S NICE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
23 HAVE HAD A VISIT FROM THE HEAD OF NAVIGANT. THAT'S A DAY LATE
24 AND A DOLLAR SHORT. DON'T TELL ME THAT LEAVING A RENTAL CAR IN
25 A PARKING LOT, WHERE WE PAY \$300 FOR, INSTEAD OF TURNING IT



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1 IN, NO ONE PICKED THAT UP? LET ALONE KAE ROBERTSON, THEIR
2 HIGHLY PAID PROJECT MANAGER? YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SERIOUS ISSUES
3 AT KING DREW. THE NAVIGANT TEAM HAS NOT SHOWN ITSELF TO BE AS
4 COMMITTED AS IT SHOULD BE. DR. GARTHWAITE HAS CONSTANTLY
5 DEFENDED THEM TO YOU. SO HE HAS CHOSEN THEM OVER THE NEEDS OF
6 KING DREW. NOW, I'VE SAID IT ONCE BEFORE AND I'LL SAY IT
7 AGAIN. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOUR LEADER FAILS TO LEAD, YOU TERMINATE
8 THEM. BUT, OF COURSE, YOU'RE RELUCTANT TO DO THIS. I DON'T
9 KNOW WHY. HOW MUCH MORE DAMAGE DOES DR. GARTHWAITE GET TO SEE
10 ON THE COUNTY DIME BEFORE YOU WILL TERMINATE HIM FOR HIS
11 INABILITY TO DO HIS JOB? HOW MUCH MORE DAMAGE HAS TO BE DONE?
12 OR WILL YOU WAIT UNTIL YOU CLOSE THE HOSPITAL? IS THAT WHAT
13 YOU'RE ASKING HIM TO DO? BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT HE'S AIMING FOR.
14 HIS INABILITY TO DO THE JOB IS CAUSING THAT HOSPITAL TO HAVE
15 TO BE CLOSED AT THIS POINT, ALMOST, BECAUSE HE HAS FAILED. YOU
16 KNOW, MAYBE THAT WAS THE ASSIGNMENT THAT YOU WANTED HIM TO
17 COMPLETE, SUPERVISOR BURKE, BECAUSE, IN ONE OF YOUR
18 INTERVIEWS, YOU WANTED HIM TO STAY ON UNTIL HIS ASSIGNMENT WAS
19 COMPLETE. IT WOULD LOOK LIKE HIS ASSIGNMENT IS TO CLOSE KING
20 DREW, WHEN YOU LOOK AT ALL THE COMEDY OF ERRORS THAT HAVE
21 OCCURRED UNDER HIS WATCH, UP TO AND INCLUDING THIS LATEST ONE
22 WITH NAVIGANT, WHICH IS A JOKE. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THOSE
23 EXPENSES, COME ON.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DR. CLAVREUL.



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2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE
3 CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW, I CANNOT BELIEVE WHAT I'M SEEING BUT, OF
4 COURSE, YOU KNOW, I TOLD YOU SO. I TOLD YOU SO BEFORE YOU
5 HIRED THE NAVIGANT GROUP, I TOLD YOU SO AFTER, I POINTED OUT
6 MISBEHAVIOR FROM THE NAVIGANT GROUP FROM DAY ONE. IT WOULD
7 HAVE ONLY TAKEN ONE OF YOUR STAFF MEMBERS TO DO A GOOGLE
8 SEARCH. A GOOGLE SEARCH WOULD HAVE SHOWED YOU THAT THE
9 NAVIGANT GROUP HAD JUST SPENT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR
10 MISREPRESENTATION TO THE SEC. YOU WILL HAVE FOUND OUT THEY
11 NEVER DID A JOB LIKE KING DREW, LIKE I BROUGHT TO YOUR
12 ATTENTION. IT WAS EVIDENT THEY WERE HIRED FOR A VERY SPECIFIC
13 PURPOSE, TO DO WHAT DR. GARTHWAITE WANTED THEM TO DO. HE HAS
14 NOT WATCHED THEM. THE HOSPITAL IS WORSE TODAY THAN IT HAS EVER
15 BEEN. WE HAVE HAD BAD CONSULTANT AFTER BAD CONSULTANT. AND,
16 YOU KNOW, I JUST FOUND OUT A FEW MINUTES AGO WHEN I ASKED DR.
17 SCHUNHOFF WHEN THE POSITION OF THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. WOULD BE
18 POSTED ON THE WEBSITE. OH, IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS FROM NOW AND I
19 SAID, WHICH FIRM ARE YOU GOING TO USE? MCCORMICK AND
20 ASSOCIATES. GUESS WHAT? MCCORMICK AND ASSOCIATES WAS THE
21 COMPANY WE HIRED TO HELP CHUCK HENRY. WE DID NOT DO DUE
22 DILIGENCE. IT'S THE SAME COMPANY! WHO SENT ELLEN JOHNSON TO
23 WASHINGTON, D.C., NEVER CHECKING HE HAD HAD TERRIBLE
24 MISCONDUCT. AND THAT'S THE FIRM WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AGAIN?!
25 WHY ARE WE DOING THAT? AND YOU SEE, ME, I DON'T CARE WHAT



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1 NAVIGANT SEE OR SAY OR WHATEVER. THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WHAT'S
2 GOING ON. THEY ASSIGNED A TEAM DIRECTLY. THEY KNOW THE TEAM
3 WAS INCOMPETENT TO DO THE JOB. KAE ROBERTSON, EVERY TIME SHE
4 HAS BEEN HERE HAS DEMONSTRATED HER LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. IT WAS
5 EVIDENT EVERY TIME SHE CAME TO THIS BOARD. IT'S EVIDENT THAT
6 MANY OF YOU, I'M NOT SAYING ALL OF YOU, MANY OF YOU DON'T CARE
7 WHAT YOU DO WITH THE MONEY OF THE PEOPLE, BUT WHAT I AM GOING
8 TO BE SURE IS THAT, CONTRARY TO WHATEVER YOU THINK, THE PUBLIC
9 DO WATCH WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE BOARD, AND I THINK WHAT
10 HAPPENED TODAY WITH THE UNION REPRESENTATIVE, WHERE MISS
11 MOLINA ALLOWS THEM TO BEHAVE REPEATEDLY FOR HALF AN HOUR SHOWS
12 HOW PREJUDICED AND UNFAIR THIS BOARD IS TO THE PUBLIC AND I
13 THINK NAVIGANT, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, SHOULD NOT GET ANY
14 MONEY. I THINK THEY SHOULD PAY US FOR INDEMNITY. BUT, OF
15 COURSE, THEY WON'T BECAUSE YOU SIGNED A CONTRACT WHERE THEY
16 HAVE NO LIABILITY NO MATTER WHAT THEY DID. AND UP TO THIS DAY,
17 I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU EVEN SIGNED A CONTRACT LIKE THAT, EXCEPT
18 IT WAS WITH INTENTION. BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, TECHNICALLY, WE CAN
19 DO NOTHING. THANK YOU FOR WASTING OUR MONEY.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. AND MR.
22 ANTONOVICH, THIS IS A SUBSTITUTE. IS THAT WHAT YOU'VE DONE?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THIS IS A SUBSTITUTE FOR HIS
2 MOTION. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. ANY OTHER QUESTION OR
3 COMMENT? IF NOT, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REASON I HAD INTRODUCED 33-A, WHICH WAS
6 REQUESTING A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER TO REGIONAL PLANNING, THAT THE
7 COMMISSION GRANT CONTINUANCE REQUEST WHERE INTERESTED PARTIES
8 ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT A CONTINUANCE TO PROVIDE
9 ONGOING DISCUSSIONS TO SEE IF A COMPROMISE CAN BE REACHED. WE
10 HAD A PROJECT IN OUR DISTRICT IN PASADENA, IN THE ALTADENA
11 AREA. WE HAD THE PROPONENTS-- IT'S A VERY CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE.
12 WE HAD THE PROPONENTS AND THE OPPONENTS BOTH ASKING FOR A
13 CONTINUANCE BECAUSE, AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, THEY
14 APPEARED TO BE WORKING TOWARD A SOLUTION TO THIS ISSUE. WHAT
15 HAPPENED, AND IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M EVER AWARE OF, THE
16 COMMISSION WENT AHEAD AND APPROVED A PROJECT, EVEN THOUGH THEY
17 HAD A REQUEST FROM BOTH PARTIES THAT IT BE DELAYED TO THE NEXT
18 MEETING BECAUSE THEY WERE GETTING CLOSE TO REACHING AN
19 AGREEMENT. AS A RESULT OF THAT ACTION, THERE IS NO CONSENSUS
20 OR WORKING TOGETHER. THE TOWN COUNCIL IN ALTADENA, WHO HAD
21 WORKED TO GET A COMPROMISE, IT WAS A SLAP IN THEIR FACE, AS IT
22 WAS TO THE MEMBERS FROM THE COMMUNITY. AND ALL I WAS TRYING TO
23 DO IN THIS INSTANCE IS TO SAY THAT, WHEN YOU HAVE TWO SIDES ON
24 A VERY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE WORKING TOGETHER AND THEY BOTH ASK
25 FOR A CONTINUANCE TO HAVE THE ISSUE RESOLVED, THAT BODY SHOULD



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1 TAKE THAT UNDER CONSIDERATION AND CONTINUE THE ITEM. JUST AS
2 WE DO HERE WHEN WE HAVE A PROBLEM, WE WILL CONTINUE AN ITEM
3 AND MANY TIMES TO REACH THAT CONSENSUS. THAT WAS THE INTENT
4 BEHIND THE REQUEST THAT WE SENT A LETTER REQUESTING THAT THEY
5 ABIDE BY SUCH REQUEST WHEN THEY COME UP IN THE FUTURE.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D BE CURIOUS TO KNOW WHY THEY DIDN'T. I
10 MEAN, THERE MUST BE A REASON. MY PROBLEM WITH THE COMMISSION
11 HAS NOT BEEN THAT, FRANKLY, IS THAT THEY GIVE TOO MANY
12 CONTINUANCES AND IT TAKES FOREVER TO GET A DECISION OUT OF
13 THEM. I'VE DISCUSSED AT THE BOARD AT LEAST ONCE ABOUT THE IDEA
14 OF TRYING TO CREATE A MECHANISM BY WHICH WE COULD HONOR AND
15 RESPECT THEIR TIME BECAUSE THEY HAVE-- APPARENTLY THEY HAVE
16 TIME CONSTRAINTS AND USING THE CONCEPT THAT THE CITY OF LOS
17 ANGELES AND OTHERS USE, THE HEARING EXAMINER CONCEPT, THAT
18 DIDN'T GO ANYWHERE, AT LEAST NOT YET. MY PROBLEM IS THAT THEY
19 DON'T, SO I'M CURIOUS, BECAUSE I'VE NEVER KNOWN THEM TO MEET A
20 CONTINUANCE THEY DIDN'T LIKE. I'D BE CURIOUS AS TO WHY THEY
21 DIDN'T DO IT IN THIS INSTANCE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU WANT TO AMEND IT TO MAKE THAT REQUEST?

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. I HAVE-- AND I'LL TELL YOU, I'M SURE
2 YOU'RE FRUSTRATED AS I HAVE BEEN FROM TIME TO TIME WHEN THEY
3 HAVE DONE THINGS THAT I-- THAT FRUSTRATED ME. I JUST THINK
4 THAT THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT OUR SENDING THEM A 5-SIGNATURE
5 LETTER WHICH RUBS ME THE WRONG WAY. I TRY TO KEEP, AT LEAST
6 WITH MY COMMISSIONER, A CERTAIN LEVEL OF INDEPENDENCE AND I
7 THINK WE ALL TRY TO DO THAT, LET THE COMMISSION MAKE ITS OWN
8 DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITHOUT THE APPEARANCE OF OR THE
9 REALITY OF OUR INTERFERING WITH THEM. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE
10 BEST WAY TO ADDRESS THIS IS, IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUE, TO ADDRESS
11 IT ONE-ON-ONE WITH THEM. I DON'T WANT TO VOTE FOR A REQUEST OF
12 THEM. IT'S ALMOST LIKE AN INTRODUCTION OF THEM AND THEY WON'T
13 RECEIVE IT WELL AND THEY PROBABLY SHOULDN'T RECEIVE IT WELL
14 BUT MAYBE WE COULD ASK THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO GIVE US A
15 REPORT IN TWO WEEKS ON WHAT THE REASON WAS, MAYBE THEY CAN
16 ASCERTAIN IT. I JUST-- MIKE, I JUST THINK IT'S AN
17 OVERREACTION. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IT'S PROBABLY HAPPENED TO
18 YOU, IT'S THE FIRST TIME THAT I'VE SEEN IT HAPPEN WHERE THEY
19 DIDN'T CONTINUE SOMETHING. I WANT TO GIVE THEM A PROCLAMATION,
20 IS MY INITIAL REACTION, BUT-- AND I UNDERSTAND YOUR
21 FRUSTRATION, BUT I'M NOT SURE THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO...

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, PLUS YOU HAVE A MECHANISM IN PLACE THAT
24 WOULD ALLOW TO US REFER IT BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. I
25 MEAN, IF YOU STILL...



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN IT COMES HERE, YEAH.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** SO I HAVE THE SAME ISSUE OF WRITING A 5-SIGNATURE
5 LETTER. I THINK IT'S A LITTLE BIT OVER MICROMANAGING SO...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME MAKE A SUGGESTION. WHY DON'T YOU TAKE
8 THIS BACK, MIKE, TAKE IT OFF CALENDAR, SEE IF YOU CAN
9 ASCERTAIN WHAT YOU CAN ASCERTAIN WITHOUT A LETTER, AND THEN,
10 IF YOU CAN'T, BRING IT BACK AND...

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, STILL, I THINK THEIR FIRST REQUEST WAS
13 ADEQUATE, THOUGH, AS WELL, TOO, TO LET-- TO HAVE THE
14 DEPARTMENT LET US KNOW EXACTLY...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THAT'S FINE. YOU'RE RIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET'S ASK THE DEPARTMENT, THEN, TO...

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I WOULD OBJECT AS WELL TO A 5-SIGNATURE
21 LETTER. WE'LL DO IT THAT WAY. ALL RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO...

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'LL REFER THIS TO THE DEPARTMENT TO
2 RESPOND BACK WITH...

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** ARE THEY HERE TO RESPOND NOW?

5

6 **FRANK MENESES:** YES. GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M
7 FRANK MENESES. I'M THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CURRENT PLANNING
8 DIVISION. THIS PARTICULAR MATTER INVOLVES A CASE IN ALTADENA,
9 AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAD INDICATED. THIS CASE WAS HEARD
10 LAST WEEK. IT HAD BEEN CONTINUED FROM A PREVIOUS HEARING AND,
11 AT THAT FIRST HEARING, THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAD INSTRUCTED
12 APPROPRIATE CHANGES AS THEY SAW FIT TO THE PROJECT AND THE
13 APPLICANT COMPLIED WITH THE REQUESTS. WE CONTINUED TO HEAR
14 OPPOSITION AT THE HEARING LAST WEEK AND THE OPPOSITION MADE
15 SUGGESTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE USES OF THE PROPERTY, WHICH HAD
16 NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED OR HAD NOT BEEN APPLIED FOR AND
17 THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT THAT TIME FELT THEY WERE PREPARED
18 TO MAKE A DECISION BUT, INSTEAD, KEPT THE HEARING OPEN AND DID
19 INSTRUCT THAT FINAL CONDITIONS BE PREPARED AND ALLOWED THE
20 OPPOSITION TO REVIEW THOSE CONDITIONS AND THE HEARING WAS
21 CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 7TH AND BASICALLY THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT WAS CONTINUED?

24



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1 **FRANK MENESES:** IT WAS CONTINUED. THEY LEFT THE HEARING OPEN
2 BUT THEY DID INDICATE THAT THEY WERE INCLINED TO APPROVE THE
3 PROJECT AS THEY HAD MODIFIED IT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHICH UNDERCUT THE...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY DIDN'T MAKE THE DECISION, THOUGH. THEY
8 WON'T MAKE THAT OFFICIALLY UNTIL DECEMBER 7TH.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IT DID, IT UNDERCUT THE NEGOTIATIONS
11 THAT WERE GOING ON BY SAYING THAT THEY'RE GOING TO APPROVE IT,
12 AND THE NEGOTIATIONS HAD REACHED A POINT WHERE THEY WERE
13 COMING TO AN AGREEMENT. THIS DEALS WITH A SCHOOL ISSUE USING A
14 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR PARKING AND THE TOWN COUNCIL, THEY
15 WERE WORKING TO HAVE THAT SITE AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION ON SOME
16 AVAILABLE PROPERTY AND THEY APPEARED TO BE MAKING AN AGREEMENT
17 OR MOVING TOWARD THAT DIRECTION AND THEN THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DID YOUR COMMISSIONER VOTE ON IT?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE VOTED TO APPROVE IT AS WELL. I MEAN, IT
22 WAS-- I THINK IT WAS UNANIMOUS. WAS IT UNANIMOUS?

23

24 **FRANK MENESES:** THAT'S CORRECT, YES, IT WAS UNANIMOUS.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** SO YOUR COMMISSIONER IS OPPOSED TO YOUR MOTION,
2 TOO. HEH-HEH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S RIGHT. WELL, I THINK IT WAS
5 IRRESPONSIBLE IN THE ACTION THAT HE HAD TAKEN BECAUSE THERE
6 WAS...

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT HE TRIED TO LIMIT THE DISCUSSION TO FOUR
9 PARTICULAR ITEMS, IS THAT CORRECT? WHILE KEEPING THE PUBLIC
10 HEARING OPEN, THEY DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO HEAR TESTIMONY OR
11 ANYTHING ELSE OTHER THAN ON THE FOUR CONDITIONS THAT...

12

13 **FRANK MENESES:** THAT'S CORRECT. THE DISCUSSION HAD SORT OF
14 WOUND DOWN TO THE REVISED PROJECT THAT THE COMMISSION HAD
15 ALREADY DIRECTED AND IT WAS A MATTER OF REVIEWING THE
16 CONDITIONS AND THAT'S WHAT THEY INDICATED THEY WOULD ALLOW THE
17 OPPOSITION TO REVIEW.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **FRANK MENESES:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO, AS IS-- IT STANDS, DO WE
24 NEED TO HAVE ANY OTHER FURTHER INFORMATION FROM?

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY'RE COMING BACK. NO? I GUESS WE'VE HEARD IT.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** IT WAS CONTINUED, IS THAT RIGHT?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW, BUT YOU WANTED AN ANSWER, YOU GOT
6 AN ANSWER. DO YOU WANT TO STILL CONTINUE IT FOR SOME REASON?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** DIDN'T CONTINUE IT, I REFERRED IT BACK TO HIS
9 OFFICE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** REFER IT BACK TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
12 OFFICE? OKAY. VERY GOOD. THEN WE WILL DO SO. IF THERE'S NO
13 OBJECTION, WE WILL DO THAT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 27.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 27. ALL RIGHT. MR. BAXTER IS
18 HERE FOR THIS ITEM. MR. BAXTER, IF YOU'D JOIN US, PLEASE.

19

20 **PETER BAXTER:** THANK YOU, SIR. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR
21 HONORABLE BOARD, MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS
22 PETER BAXTER AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY
23 SUBMITTED THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM IS A REQUEST BY THE SHERIFF
24 FOR COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE. LIEUTENANT AL GROKEFEND OF
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SHERIFF IS IDENTIFIED IN THE NEWS MEDIA



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1 AS BEING IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE FIRE IN CARSON
2 ON SEPTEMBER '04, 2005, WHEN 5 CHILDREN PERISHED IN THAT FIRE.
3 THERE IS NO REFERENCE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE METHOD USED
4 BY THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PUT OUT THAT FIRE. MISS
5 SAMANTHA GONZAGA, STAFF WRITER FOR THE LONG BEACH PRESS
6 TELEGRAM, REPORTS THE FIRE AS EXTENDING FROM 8:22 A.M. UNTIL
7 8:30 A.M. THAT IS A TOTAL OF 14 MINUTES. "THE DEATH OF THE
8 CHILDREN WAS CAUSED BY SMOKE INHALATION," LIEUTENANT
9 GROKEFEND IS QUOTED AS SAYING BY THE PRESS TELEGRAM IN THEIR
10 SEPTEMBER 08, 2005 EDITION. SMOKE PREVENTS OXYGEN FROM
11 REACHING FIRE VICTIMS WHO ARE TRAPPED IN THE BURNING BUILDING.
12 HUMAN RESPIRATION IS BLOCKED BY SMOKE AND, AFTER FOUR MINUTES,
13 PERHAPS LESS, OF BEING DEPRIVED OF OXYGEN, A FIRE VICTIM DIES.
14 THERE IS A METHOD OF ELIMINATING SMOKE FROM A FIRE SITE BY
15 INJECTING STEAM INTO THE BURNING AREA. INJECTING STEAM INTO
16 THE BURNING AREA ALSO PUTS THE FIRE OUT INSTANTLY. WATER DOES
17 NOTHING TO PREVENT FRESH AIR FROM REACHING THE FIRE. ONLY A
18 GAS LIKE STEAM PREVENTS FRESH AIR FROM FEEDING A FIRE. THE
19 SUPERVISOR FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT, THE HONORABLE ZEV
20 YAROSLAVSKY, IS QUOTED IN "THE LOS ANGELES TIMES" OF SEPTEMBER
21 19, 2005, IN THE PROFILE OF MERRICK BOBB, ESQUIRE, THUS, I'M
22 QUOTING SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, "YOU NEED SOMEBODY FROM
23 OUTSIDE THE STRUCTURE WHO IS FREE TO CALL THEM AS HE SEES
24 THEM." FIRE CHIEF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN HAS NEVER APPEARED AT
25 THIS MICROPHONE TO DISCUSS MY SUBMISSION ON STEAM, NOR HAS A



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1 MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SHERIFF AND IT'S A LITTLE
2 RATHER UNUSUAL TO SEE CHIEF FREEMAN HERE THIS MORNING
3 DISCUSSING HELIPADS. I'M SURE THAT, IN VIEW OF THE FIRE CHIEF,
4 IN TERMS OF THE USE OF STEAM WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP, ALL OF
5 WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND I THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. THE ITEM IS BEFORE
8 US.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THE ITEM.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
13 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON
14 THAT ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER-- SHOULD WE DO 31 AND 32
17 TOGETHER?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU DON'T HAVE TO.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DR. CLAVREUL HAS LEFT AND MISS EDWARDS HAS
24 LEFT. ON ITEM NUMBER 32. ON ITEM NUMBER 31, DID WE WANT TO DO
25 A REPORT FIRST? I'M SORRY?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I THOUGHT 31 AND 32 WERE BEING CONTINUED.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, BUT WE DO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
5 THAT WISHED TO ADDRESS THE ITEM. THAT WAS THE ONLY ISSUE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAD SOME QUESTIONS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEVER GET THERE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WE HAD THE REQUEST ON ITEM NUMBER 31
14 THAT THERE BE A DUAL TRACK IN CASE KING DREW MEDICAL SCHOOL
15 AND THE HOSPITAL LOST THEIR ACCREDITATION, SUPERVISOR MOLINA
16 WAS VERY VOCIFEROUS, AS I WAS AND OTHER MEMBERS THAT WE WOULD
17 HAVE THAT INFORMATION TODAY, THE INFORMATION HAD BEEN
18 REQUESTED MANY, MANY, MANY TIMES IN THE PAST. WE ARE ONLY 14
19 WEEKS AWAY FROM JANUARY 1ST AND YET WE'RE ASKING NOW WE'RE
20 GOING TO HAVE TO-- ANOTHER CONTINUANCE. WHEN WILL THIS BODY
21 RECEIVE THE INFORMATION AS TO THIS DUAL TRACK STATUS, I SHOULD
22 SAY THE DUAL TRACK PROGRAM, THAT YOU ARE PUTTING IN PLACE TO
23 ENSURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO CONTINUE PROVIDING SERVICES IF
24 ACCREDITATION IS LOST BY THE HOSPITAL AND THE ACCREDITATION IS



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1 LOST BY THE MEDICAL SCHOOL? WE NEED TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION
2 NOW, NOT THE DAY IT HAPPENS.

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SUPERVISOR, I FULLY AGREE WITH YOU AND
5 APOLOGIZE FOR ANY DELAYS THAT HAVE OCCURRED. THERE HAVE BEEN,
6 AS YOU KNOW, MANY ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES OVER THE LAST SEVERAL
7 WEEKS WITH A VARIETY OF THINGS FROM KATRINA PLANNING AND SO
8 FORTH BUT LET ME JUST SAY THIS. I THINK THAT THE KEY THING TO
9 KEEP IN MIND IS THAT THE C.M.S. FUNDING IS THE NUMBER 1 THING
10 THAT WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT AND THE HIGHEST PRIORITY THAT WE
11 HAVE. AND SO OUR EFFORTS ARE GOING INTO...

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEY BOTH HAPPENED AT ABOUT THE SAME
14 TIME.

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YES, BUT, IN TERMS OF IMMEDIACY, IF
17 A.C.G.M.E. COMES IN JANUARY WHEN THEY'RE SCHEDULED TO COME AND
18 THEY SAY THAT WE'RE NOT APPROVING THE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS,
19 THERE IS AN APPEALS PROCESS AND A FAIRLY LONG PHASE-OUT, SO WE
20 HAVE TIME. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAN AND BE READY FOR THAT
21 EVENTUALITY BUT THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN INSTANTANEOUSLY ON JANUARY
22 17TH. THERE'S A TIME FOR THE REPORT TO COME OUT AND THEN A
23 TIME FOR AN APPEALS PROCESS AND SO FORTH. SO...

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE DROP DATE FOR C.M.S.?



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** FOR C.M.S., THEY HAVEN'T TOLD US THE
3 TIME THAT THEY'LL BE HERE BUT THEY SAID SOMETIME AFTER
4 NAVIGANT HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR A YEAR, WE NEED TO COME OUT AND
5 DO A FULL COMPLIANCE INSPECTION OF KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER.
6 SO WE'RE ANTICIPATING THAT'S GOING TO BE IN MID TO LATE
7 DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN THEIR REPORT TO YOU WOULD BE AROUND
10 FEBRUARY?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE WOULD PROBABLY GET THE C.M.S. REPORT
13 IN A COUPLE WEEKS AFTER THEY WERE THERE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO, AGAIN, THAT'S 14, 18 WEEKS FROM TODAY.

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT, AND THAT'S WHERE WE'RE PUTTING
18 OUR EFFORT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, SO WHY DON'T WE HAVE INFORMATION BEFORE
21 US AS TO WHAT HAPPENS IF C.M.S. ACTS, THAT MEANS IMMEDIATE
22 LOSS OF \$200 MILLION, WHICH MEANS THE HOSPITAL ABSOLUTELY HAS
23 TO CLOSE BECAUSE THERE'S NO MEANS OF PROVIDING THOSE REVENUES?

24



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. WELL, WE'VE HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS
2 WITH C.M.S. DIRECTLY. THEY'VE TALKED ABOUT IMMEDIATE WITHDRAW
3 OF 200 MILLION, A MORE ORDERLY PHASE-DOWN AWAY OF INPATIENT
4 SERVICES AND THE POTENTIAL FOR MAINTAINING OUTPATIENT SERVICES
5 OR THE CONTRACTING OUT OPTION.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHERE IS OUR PLAN TO ORDERLY PHASE IN
8 ANOTHER FACILITY OR PLAN TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES IF THEY ARE
9 IMPACTED?

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11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH THE, AT THIS
12 POINT, SINGLE HEALTH SYSTEM THAT'S INTERESTED IN THE
13 CONTRACTING OUT OPTION. THERE ARE TWO REASONS WHY WE'RE A
14 LITTLE FARTHER BEHIND THAN WE WOULD LIKE TO BE. ONE IS THAT,
15 TO DO THE FINANCIAL CALCULATIONS, WHICH ULTIMATELY WILL DRIVE
16 HOW SIGNIFICANT THEIR INTEREST IS, HAS REQUIRED THE COMPLETION
17 OF MEDI-CAL REDESIGN, WHICH HAPPENED JUST A WEEK OR TWO AGO.
18 WITH THAT, WE HAVE HAD-- THEY'VE COME OUT TO VISIT KING DREW
19 MEDICAL CENTER. THEY HAVE HIRED A CONSULTANT WHO'S BEEN AT THE
20 MEDICAL CENTER A COUPLE OF TIMES. WE HAVE NOW PROVIDED THEM
21 ALL THE NUMBERS AND INFORMATION AND WE'RE HAVING DISCUSSIONS
22 WITH THEM ON HOW TO CALCULATE THE IMPLICATIONS OF MEDI-CAL
23 REDESIGN. AND I THINK WE'RE MAKING SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. NOW,
24 SOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS WE'RE HAVING WITH THEM, WE'RE GOING TO
25 HAVE TO BE SOMEWHAT DISCREET IN HOW WE PRESENT THOSE PUBLICLY



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1 BECAUSE, FOR THEM, IT'S A BUSINESS DECISION, AND SO WE HAVE TO
2 MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T DISCOURAGE THEM FROM THE CONTINUED
3 NEGOTIATIONS. BUT LET ME JUST BE VERY CLEAR. WE, I THINK, ARE
4 ACTIVELY ENGAGED, WE'VE MET WITH THEM THREE OR FOUR TIMES, I
5 BELIEVE, WE'RE ON THE PHONE, WE'RE EXCHANGING EMAILS, WE'RE
6 EXCHANGING DATA AND WE FEEL WE CAN GIVE YOU MUCH BETTER
7 FEELING WITHIN A COUPLE WEEKS NOW BECAUSE WE HAVE-- WITH A
8 REAL DETAILED WORK PLAN AND DATES THAT ARE BASED NOW ON THINGS
9 THAT ARE MUCH MORE CERTAIN: MEDI-CAL REDESIGN, THEIR ABILITY
10 TO COME IN AND GET DATA AND ENGAGE ON A CONSULTING FIRM.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT AND,
13 IN TWO WEEKS, YOU DON'T SAY WHAT YOU ARE SAYING TODAY, WHICH
14 WAS WHAT YOU WERE SAYING, YOU KNOW, PREVIOUSLY THAT LED UP TO
15 THE MOTION BEING ADOPTED ASKING FOR THE INFORMATION TODAY?

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT I GIVE YOU MY
18 ASSURANCES BUT LET'S LET THE-- THE RECORD WILL SHOW IT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT HAPPENS IF IT DOESN'T OCCUR? WHAT DO WE
21 DO THEN? I MEAN, WHAT DO WE DO?

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE WILL GET YOU THE INFORMATION.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. KNABE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, JUST AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THAT, ONE OF THE
5 QUESTIONS THAT I ASKED BACK DURING THAT HEATED DEBATE AS IT
6 RELATED TO THE SETTING OF THE BEILENSEN HEARINGS IN OCTOBER
7 WAS AS IT RELATED TO J.C.A.H.O. AND C.M.S. AND AS THOSE
8 REPORTS ARE COMING DOWN OR, YOU KNOW, THEY'RE REVIEWING THE
9 WHOLE SITUATION OUT THERE, ARE YOU GOING TO BE CHANGING--
10 POTENTIALLY CHANGING YOUR RECOMMENDATION AS IT RELATES TO
11 SERVICES BEING OFFERED AT M.L.K.? AND, IF SO, YOU KNOW, THAT
12 WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL BEILENSEN HEARINGS, NUMBER 1. SO MY
13 QUESTION WAS, IS THE TIMING, AND I'VE NEVER RECEIVED ANYTHING
14 BACK, IS THE TIMING OF THAT EFFORT, THE TIMING OF OUR
15 POTENTIAL BEILENSEN HEARINGS HERE IN A FEW WEEKS, IS IT
16 NECESSARY TO HOLD THOSE BEILENSEN HEARINGS RIGHT NOW SINCE
17 C.M.S. AND J.C.A.H.O. ARE, YOU KNOW, BACK-TO-BACK AND COULD
18 CHANGE, COULD CHANGE YOUR RECOMMENDATION BASED ON THEIR
19 SURVEYS? I MEAN, THAT COULD BE SIGNIFICANT. SO, AGAIN, WE
20 HAVEN'T RECEIVED THAT INFORMATION BECAUSE THAT WAS, AS I
21 SUPPORTED MOVING FORWARD WITH THE BEILENSEN, I ALSO WANTED TO
22 KNOW THE IMPACT OF J.C.A.H.O. AND C.M.S. ON THAT AND WHETHER
23 WE HOLD BEILENSEN TO GET BEAT UP FOR A FEW HOURS AND THEN, YOU
24 KNOW, THREE WEEKS LATER, THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT C.M.S. OR
25 J.C.A.H.O. MAY CHANGE YOUR RECOMMENDATION.



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THE C.M.S. SURVEY DETERMINES BASICALLY
3 ONE THING: DO YOU MEET CONDITIONS ON PARTICIPATION IN
4 MEDICARE, WHICH ALSO MEANS FOR MEDICAID, AND IT'S REALLY A
5 "YES" OR "NO," YOU MEET CONDITIONS OR YOU DON'T.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT. BUT THE ONE QUESTION WE ASKED IN REGARD TO
8 THAT, YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS, AS IT RELATED TO
9 THE OPERATIONS OF THE HOSPITAL, DOES THAT IMPACT THE C.M.S. OR
10 J.C.A.H.O. KIND OF AN OPERATION?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'M NOT SURE I FOLLOW. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK OUR SENSE IS THAT THE
15 RECOMMENDATIONS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE DEPARTMENT AND UNDER
16 CONSIDERATION FOR BEILENSON HEARINGS ARE TO ACTUALLY PREPARE
17 THE FACILITY TO MOST EFFECTIVELY FACE BOTH THE BEILENSON--
18 BOTH THE C.M.S. AND J.C.A.H.O. AUDITS, SO THEY ALSO MUST
19 PREPARE THE FACILITY IN THE EVENT EVACUATION OF A POOR OUTCOME
20 THAT A TRANSITION TO A CONTRACTED-OUT MODEL WOULD BE ONE
21 THAT'S BASED ON A CLINICAL FOOTPRINT, WE WOULD DEFINITELY WANT
22 THE CONTRACTOR TO TAKE OVER. SO THE RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE
23 YOU, IN THE BEILENSON HEARINGS THAT ARE UPCOMING, FOCUS ON
24 ACTIONS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN TO BEST PREPARE THE FACILITY FOR
25 THE UPCOMING AUDITS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE WE SUBJECT TO SIDE COMMENTS EITHER FROM C.M.S.
3 OR J.C.A.H.O. AS IT RELATES TO THOSE DECISIONS? I MEAN, I FIND
4 IT HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S A SIMPLE "YES" OR "NO" YOU MEET
5 COMPLIANCE. WOULD WE BE SUBJECT TO SAY WE THINK YOU'RE DOING
6 THE WRONG THING?

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH. NO. I MEAN, I'VE HAD MULTIPLE
9 CONVERSATIONS AT CERTAINLY THE REGIONAL LEVEL WITH C.M.S. AND,
10 I MEAN, OTHER THAN THE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT BRINGING NAVIGANT IN
11 AS A ALTERNATIVE TO PULLING FUNDING A YEAR AGO, THEY'VE NOT
12 GIVEN ANY GUIDANCE ABOUT SPECIFIC PROGRAMMATIC ELEMENTS.
13 THEY'VE STUCK TO THE LANGUAGE THAT I'VE GIVEN YOU ABOUT
14 MEETING CONDITIONS. SO I DON'T GET-- I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY SIDE
15 COMMENTS LIKE THAT AT ALL, NOR...

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT SAYING ABOUT NOW BUT I'M SAYING AT THE
18 END, AFTER WE GO THROUGH BEILENSEN AND THEN, ON THE HEELS OF
19 THAT, YOU GET C.M.S. AND J.C.A.H.O.

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I THINK-- THEY ARE VERY
22 CONSISTENT. THEY COME OUT AND THEY SAY, "YOU DON'T MEET THIS
23 CONDITION OR YOU DON'T MEET THIS JOINT COMMISSION STANDARD,"
24 YOU DON'T MEET THIS, YOU DON'T MEET THIS AND THE ONLY REASON,
25 IF THERE WERE A SPECIFIC AREA WHERE WE HAD MULTIPLE CITATIONS



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1 AND, BY CLOSING THAT, WOULD BE EASIER THAN FIXING THAT, THEN
2 THAT WOULD BE THE ONLY WAY THEY WOULD COMMUNICATE THAT TO US.
3 OUR MOCK JOINT COMMISSION SURVEYS DON'T POINT TO ONE
4 PARTICULAR AREA. THEY POINT TO, YOU KNOW, MORE SYSTEMATIC
5 THINGS LIKE PHARMACY, NURSING INTERACTIONS AND DOCUMENTATION
6 AND MEDICAL RECORDS BUT NOT IN ONE PARTICULAR AREA OF THE
7 HOSPITAL. SO IT WOULD LEAD ME TO THINK THAT IT'S NOT ONE OTHER
8 AREA OF THE HOSPITAL THAT WE WOULD NEED TO ATTACK. IS THAT
9 FAIR?

10

11 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** AND IF I COULD ADD TO THAT. I THINK THAT'S
12 EXACTLY CORRECT AND I THINK A KEY POINT ABOUT BOTH OF THESE
13 UPCOMING SURVEYS IS BOTH C.M.S. AND J.C.A.H.O. WILL NOT TELL
14 THE DEPARTMENT OR TELL YOUR BOARD THE SCOPE OF THE CLINICAL
15 PROGRAM THAT SHOULD BE OFFERED. THAT'S A DECISION FOR THE
16 DELIVERY SYSTEM ITSELF TO MAKE. THEY WILL COME IN AND AUDIT
17 THE DELIVERY SYSTEM THAT THEY SEE BUT THEY'RE NOT IN A
18 POSITION TO MAKE COMMENTS TO YOU OR US ABOUT WHICH THINGS
19 SHOULD REMAIN OPENED OR CLOSED AND THAT THEIR FOCUS WILL BE
20 REALLY ON THE PROGRAMMATIC ABILITY FOR THE HOSPITAL TO DELIVER
21 THOSE SERVICES, WHICH TEND, AS A GENERAL RULE, NOT TO BE
22 SERVICE SPECIFIC BUT TEND TO FOCUS ON THE DELIVERY OF A
23 CERTAIN KIND OF SERVICE, WHETHER IT'S NURSING SERVICES OR
24 PHARMACY SERVICES ACROSS THE PROGRAM.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I'M JUST HESITANT ABOUT THAT BECAUSE I WOULD
2 SAY THAT WOULD BE TRUE AS IT RELATED TO A FIRST VISIT BUT THIS
3 IS NOT THE FIRST VISIT OF C.M.S. AND J.C.A.H.O. AND FROM AN
4 OPERATIONAL STANDPOINT OF OBSERVING SO-- I MEAN, I STILL WOULD
5 LIKE TO SEE SOME RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE POTENTIAL-- I MEAN,
6 NOT OUR POTENTIAL BUT THE UPCOMING BEILENSON AND, YOU KNOW,
7 COMING ON THE HEELS OF C.M.S. AND J.C.A.H.O. BECAUSE THAT WAS
8 AN ISSUE THAT I HAD.

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'LL CERTAINLY COMMUNICATE WITH C.M.S.
11 I MAY BE ALSO BE ABLE TO GET FEEDBACK FROM THE JOINT
12 COMMISSION.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN I READ YOUR REPORT, I WAS TROUBLED BY A
17 COUPLE OF THINGS. I'D NEVER SEEN IN ANY-- MAYBE I'VE MISSED
18 IT, IN ANY REPORT, I CERTAINLY DON'T THINK THE BOARD HAS EVER
19 TAKEN AN ACTION WHICH WOULD ASSUME THAT, IF THE FUNDING IS
20 PULLED, MAYBE I'M MISREADING YOUR REPORT, BUT THE WAY I READ
21 IT IS, IF THE FUNDING-- IF THE FEDERAL FUNDING IS PULLED, THAT
22 WE'RE JUST GOING TO USE GENERAL FUND MONEY TO BACKFILL TO
23 CONTINUE TO OPERATE A HOSPITAL THAT IS NOT ACCREDITED AND THEN
24 THE ONUS IS NOT ONLY ON US AS A POLICY MATTER BUT ALSO AS A
25 FINANCIAL MATTER. IS THAT WHAT YOU-- I MEAN, I'M READING THIS,



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1 ONE OF THE OPTIONS-- ONE OF THE SCENARIOS IS THE FACILITY IS
2 FOUND TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY OUT OF COMPLIANCE AND C.M.S. QUICKLY
3 WITHDRAWS ALL FUNDING.

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK WE ONLY PUT THAT FORWARD AS AN
6 OPTION, NOT ONE THAT WE WOULD RECOMMEND OR THAT WE THOUGHT YOU
7 WOULD APPROVE. IT'S A THEORETICAL OPTION.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WHAT OTHER THEORETICAL-- THE ONLY
10 THEORETICAL OPTIONS YOU HAVE ARE THE ONES WHERE WE OPERATE THE
11 HOSPITAL WITHOUT FEDERAL FUNDS. NOW, WHAT OTHER OPTIONS DO YOU
12 HAVE THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED?

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK THAT WAS-- YOU KNOW, AND MAYBE
15 THAT'S OUR SENSITIVITY TO A CONFUSION PEOPLE HAVE, THE
16 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FUNDING AND LICENSURE. IF WE LOST FUNDING
17 BUT RETAINED LICENSURE, WE COULD, YOU KNOW, TECHNICALLY
18 CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE FACILITY. IF WE LOST FUNDING AND
19 LICENSURE SIMULTANEOUSLY, WE OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK IT'S SELF-EVIDENT THAT, IF YOU LOSE
22 LICENSURE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS.

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE'RE IN A LOT OF PUBLIC FORUMS WHERE A
25 LOT OF DIFFERENT QUESTIONS GET ASKED OF US.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND BUT NOW YOU'RE IN THIS PUBLIC
3 FORUM AND I'M ASKING YOU WHAT OPTIONS, OTHER THAN WE CONTINUE
4 TO OPERATE THE HOSPITAL IF THE LICENSURE IS NOT PULLED BUT THE
5 FUNDING IS, AND, OF COURSE, WE ASSUME AND THAT WOULD MEAN THAT
6 THE HOSPITAL IS NOT ACCREDITED, YOU ARE SAYING, I'LL JUST READ
7 IT, "THIS SCENARIO REQUIRES SUBSTANTIAL PLANNING IN AN
8 ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS RANGING FROM OPERATING THE HOSPITAL
9 WITHOUT FEDERAL FUNDS TO CLOSURE OF THE FACILITY." WHAT OTHER
10 OPTIONS BETWEEN THOSE TWO ARE THERE? CAN YOU-- IN OTHER WORDS,
11 IF THE CONTRACTING OUT OPTION, PUTTING IT UNDER NEW
12 MANAGEMENT, WHICH, AS I RECALL, REQUIRES YOU TO CLOSE THE
13 HOSPITAL AND THEN REOPEN IT UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT. IS THAT
14 STILL THE CASE? YOU'D HAVE TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE IT IN ORDER TO
15 REOPEN IT FOR LICENSING PURPOSES? IS THAT STILL THE CASE?

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH. WE THINK THAT'S THE MOST LIKELY,
18 YES.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO HOW LONG WILL THAT TAKE?

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THAT'S THE ONGOING DISCUSSION THAT
23 WE'RE HAVING. THERE ARE REALLY TWO IMPEDIMENTS. ONE IS
24 MULTIPLE SERIES OF LEGAL CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE CONTINUING TO
25 WORK THROUGH WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE SECOND IS WORKING



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1 THROUGH WITH A CONTRACTOR EXACTLY HOW THIS WOULD WORK OUT AND
2 WHAT GUARANTEES THEY WOULD NEED AND THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT
3 WE'RE ENGAGED IN WITH, AT THIS POINT, I GUESS, COME
4 KNOWLEDGE...

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WHAT IS THE TIMELINE THAT YOU ARE
7 EXPECTING THAT THESE ISSUES-- WHAT'S YOUR ASSUMPTION ON THE
8 TIME LINE FOR COMPLETION OF THAT NEGOTIATION, IF THERE'S GOING
9 TO BE ONE?

10

11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I THINK WE CAN CERTAINLY ANSWER
12 CATHOLIC HEALTH-- THE ISSUES WITH THE POTENTIAL CONTRACTOR BY
13 JANUARY, BY LATE THIS YEAR AND I BELIEVE THEY BELIEVE THAT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT WOULD BE BY JANUARY, THAT YOU WOULD
16 HAVE...

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THAT WE'D HAVE ALL THEIR...

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EVERYBODY WOULD BE ON THE SAME PAGE AND
21 THEY'D HAVE THE ISSUE...

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THAT WE WOULD UNDERSTAND...

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEN HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE, FROM THAT
2 POINT IN JANUARY, TO ACTUALLY CONVERT THE HOSPITAL TO NEW
3 MANAGEMENT?

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I THINK THAT'S WHERE THERE'S A
6 FEW MORE CHALLENGES BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE LEGAL ISSUES. I
7 THINK WE'RE-- BECAUSE THE ANALYSIS HAS BEEN DONE MUCH CLOSER
8 TO UNDERSTANDING THAT BUT I THINK THAT THAT'S WHERE ADDITIONAL
9 WORK WITH CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST AS THEY COME ON BOARD.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, OKAY, SO WHAT COULD WE BE TALKING
12 ABOUT AFTER JANUARY, ASSUMING YOU'VE...

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK WE ORIGINALLY, WE ORIGINALLY
15 THOUGHT IT MIGHT TAKE AS MUCH AS NINE MONTHS TO A YEAR TO GET
16 THROUGH ALL THOSE TECHNICAL THINGS

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FROM JANUARY, FROM THAT POINT, THAT YOU
19 WOULD REACH IN JANUARY?

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, BUT THERE MIGHT BE SOME THAT WE
22 CAN DO BETWEEN NOW AND JANUARY THAT WOULD SHORTEN THAT AND
23 THAT WAS THE GOAL AND I BELIEVE THAT'S CORRECT.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU WOULD SHORTEN IT BY 14 WEEKS?



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, RIGHT.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OR IS IT A ONE-FOR-ONE SHORTENING?

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, AGAIN, THAT'S THE OTHER, I THINK,
7 TECHNICAL PIECE THAT WE'RE WORKING TO TRY TO GIVE YOU IS...

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, LET'S SAY IT'S SIX MONTHS, OKAY?

10 THAT'S A VERY OPTIMISTIC THING. THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO OPEN
11 THE HOSPITAL UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT IN JULY. BETWEEN JANUARY AND
12 JULY, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH KING HOSPITAL?

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, WE'VE HAD...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD YOU-- IS ONE OF THE OPTIONS-- LET ME
17 ASK YOU. ONE OF THE OPTIONS IS HERE THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO
18 FUND IT WITH ALL OF ITS PROBLEMS AND PRESUMABLY THE PROBLEMS
19 WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE PULLED THE FUNDING
20 AND WE WOULD NOT HAVE PASSED MUSTER. SO WE COULD CONTINUE TO
21 FUND AN INEPT HOSPITAL WITH OUR GENERAL FUND MONEY, NOT WITH
22 FEDERAL MONEY NOW, AND THEN, SIX MONTHS DOWN THE LINE, PULL
23 THE PLUG, WE WOULD HAVE TO PULL THE PLUG. SECOND OPTION IS
24 THAT YOU WOULD BE SET UP, AS YOU HAVE BEEN, AS I UNDERSTAND
25 IT, ON THE O.B. AND THE PEDIATRICS AND THE NEONATAL I.C.U.



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1 ISSUES TO HAVE PLACEMENTS OR VENUES WHERE YOU WOULD PLACE
2 THESE PATIENTS, A HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE PATIENTS. SO WOULD
3 YOU BE IN A POSITION TO BUY SERVICES WITH THE FUNDS, SINCE
4 WE'RE GOING TO BE USING GENERAL FUND MONEY AT THAT POINT AS
5 ONE OF YOUR OPTIONS IN STAKES, WOULD WE BE IN A POSITION TO
6 BUY SERVICES FOR APPENDICITIS AND LIVER TRANS-- WHATEVER WE'RE
7 DOING IN OTHER FACILITIES AND BE ABLE TO CLOSE AN UNACCREDITED
8 HOSPITAL AT THAT POINT WHILE MAINTAINING THE DELIVERY OF
9 SERVICE TO THAT COMMUNITY?

10

11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YES, AND KEEP IN MIND THAT A PORTION OF
12 THE PATIENTS HAVE MEDI-CAL COVERAGE, SO WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO
13 BUY SERVICES FOR THEM NECESSARILY. THE UNINSURED, WE COULD
14 PARTIALLY ABSORB, I THINK, IN SOME OF OUR OTHER FACILITIES IF
15 WE COULD TAKE, YOU KNOW, CERTAIN STAFF.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT SOMETHING YOU'RE LOOKING AT NOW? IS
18 THAT ONE OF THE OPTIONS YOU'RE...

19

20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THAT'S ONE OF THE OPTIONS AS WELL. THE
21 OTHER-- ANOTHER OPTION AND WE'VE HAD...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO LET ME JUST STOP FOR A SECOND. ARE YOU--
24 IS YOUR STAFF ACTIVELY GOING AND DOING A SURVEY OF WHAT
25 HOSPITALS IN THE SPA AND ADJACENT AREAS TO THIS SPA ARE ABLE



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1 TO HANDLE THE-- THEY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO HANDLE THE WORKLOAD
2 THAT IS NOW HANDLED AT M.L.K.?

3

4 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, WE ARE DOING THAT WORK. IT WAS
5 ACTUALLY PART-- IT'S, I THINK, IMPORTANT TO NOTE FOR ALL OF
6 YOU, THAT WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PLANNING WORK IN THE
7 AUGUST 9TH DOCUMENT THAT WE BROUGHT FORWARD WITH THE PROPOSED
8 REDUCTIONS AND EXPANSIONS IN CLINICAL PROGRAMS. THERE ARE SOME
9 PRIVATE SECTOR BEDS AVAILABLE AND WE ARE WORKING THROUGH THOSE
10 DISCUSSIONS BUT CLEARLY AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THIS MODEL WOULD
11 BE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CLINICAL PROGRAMS IN SOME OF THE
12 OTHER COUNTY HOSPITALS, PARTICULARLY HARBOR AND U.S.C., TO
13 TAKE IN SOME OF THAT EXPANSION. THERE ARE NOT A LOT OF ADULT
14 BEDS IN AND AROUND THAT AREA, SO IT WOULD BE A MIXTURE OF BOTH
15 PRIVATE SECTOR AS WELL AS REDEVELOPMENT OR REDEPLOYMENT OF
16 COUNTY RESOURCES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I-- OKAY. I THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT,
19 AT LEAST FOR ME, THAT THAT BE DONE AND, IF YOU'RE DOING IT,
20 GREAT, BUT THAT-- THAT WAS NOT INDICATED IN YOUR REPORT, YOUR
21 SEPTEMBER 23RD REPORT. I READ IT AND I SAID, "WAIT A SECOND,
22 WHEN DID WE EVER MAKE THE DECISION OR EVEN IMPLY THAT, IF WE
23 LOSE THE FUNDING, WE'RE JUST GOING TO STEP IN AND BACKFILL THE
24 MONEY"? MAYBE OTHER PEOPLE HAD MADE THAT ASSUMPTION. I HAVE
25 NOT MADE THAT ASSUMPTION. I'LL TELL YOU WHY. I'M GOING TO HAVE



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1 A PROBLEM SPENDING-- IF WE LOSE THE-- WE'VE ALREADY LOST THE
2 ACCREDITATION. IF WE LOSE THE FUNDING AFTER THE NEXT GO
3 AROUND, DECEMBER, JANUARY, WHENEVER IT IS, I THINK WE-- I HAVE
4 A MORAL, IF NOT A FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY, AND I THINK EVERY
5 SINGLE ONE OF US DOES, TO RECOGNIZE WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM, IF WE
6 HAVEN'T RECOGNIZED IT YET, WITH THE QUALITY OF CARE THERE AND
7 WE OWE IT TO OUR CLIENTS, TO THE CITIZENS THAT WE PROVIDE
8 SERVICE TO, TO PROVIDE A HIGHER LEVEL OF QUALITY THAN WE ARE
9 PROVIDING, IF, BY JANUARY, WE STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN OUR
10 ACCREDITATION BACK AND THEY'VE PULLED OUR FUNDING IF THEY
11 THINK WE HAVEN'T MADE PROGRESS OR THAT WE'VE REGRESSED. AND I
12 THINK, AT THAT POINT, AT LEAST THIS SUPERVISOR ISN'T ABOUT TO
13 SPEND A NICKEL OF MONEY ON THAT HOSPITAL. I'VE SPENT ALL THE
14 MONEY WE HAVE TO TO BRIDGE CARE FOR THAT CONSTITUENCY, FOR OUR
15 CLIENTS IN THAT SPA AND ANYBODY ELSE WHO WOULD USE THAT
16 HOSPITAL IN OTHER FACILITIES, IT CAN PROVIDE A QUALITY LEVEL
17 OF CARE BUT I'LL BE DAMNED IF I'M GOING TO SPEND MONEY TO PROP
18 UP A HOSPITAL THAT CAN'T-- NOT ONLY PASS MUSTER LAST YEAR,
19 THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR AND THEN HAS ITS FUNDING PULLED. THAT
20 IS ABOUT THE MOST PREPOSTEROUS THING I'VE EVER HEARD. AND I
21 DON'T THINK THAT'S AN OPTION. I DON'T THINK IT'S A VIABLE
22 OPTION. IT MAY BE TO THE POLITICIANS WHO, FROM TIME TO TIME,
23 TESTIFY IN THE SEAT YOU'RE SITTING IN BUT IT'S NOT A VIABLE
24 OPTION TO THE ME AND I DON'T THINK IT'S A VIABLE OPTION TO THE
25 PEOPLE, NOTWITHSTANDING WHAT THE POLITICIANS SAY. I CANNOT, IN



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1 GOOD CONSCIENCE, CONTINUE TO FUND A HOSPITAL THAT, IF THE
2 REGULATORY AGENCIES HAVE REFUSED TO GIVE US A SIGN-OFF ON IT
3 AND NOT ONLY THAT BUT THINK WE'VE REGRESSED. AND I'LL TELL YOU
4 THE OTHER THING THAT BOTHERS ME IS, IF C.M.S. THINKS THAT
5 WE'RE JUST GOING TO TAKE \$200 MILLION OUT OF OUR GENERAL FUND,
6 AS THAT WAS MY FIRST IMPRESSION WHEN I READ YOUR SEPTEMBER
7 23RD LETTER, AND I SAID THIS LAST WEEK OR TWO WEEKS AGO, THAT
8 THERE ARE SOME ADVOCATES IN TOWN WHO ARE SAYING WE OUGHT TO DO
9 JUST THAT AND NOW I'M BEGINNING TO KIND OF SENSE KIND OF THE
10 GESTALT OF ALL OF THIS WHERE, YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY IS TALKING
11 TO EACH OTHER, SO THAT KIND OF THING SHOWS UP LIKE THIS, IF
12 C.M.S. HAS AN INKLING THAT WE'RE JUST GOING TO BACKFILL THEM,
13 WHY WOULDN'T THEY PULL THE FINANCIAL PLUG? HEAT'S OFF THEM.
14 AND WE KNOW THERE'S BEEN HEAT PUT ON THEM. AND THEN IT'S GOING
15 TO BE EVEN MORE HEAT ON US AND IT'S GOING TO BE THE SAME KIND
16 OF TENSION AND RETICENCE TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AT THAT
17 POINT AS THERE HAS BEEN UP UNTIL NOW. AND, EVEN THOUGH WE'VE
18 DONE SOME THINGS, RETICENCE IS RAISING ITS HEAD. SO I'M JUST
19 TELLING YOU, AT LEAST AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, IF WE HAVEN'T
20 MADE IMPROVEMENTS AT M.L.K., AND APPARENTLY WE HAVEN'T MADE
21 SUFFICIENT IMPROVEMENTS TO SATISFY YOU, BASED ON THE MEMORANDA
22 THAT I'VE BEEN GETTING THAT YOU'VE RUN TESTS AND THAT YOU
23 WOULDN'T RECOMMEND THAT WE GO TRY TO SEEK REACCREDITATION NOW
24 BECAUSE WE COULDN'T MAKE IT. I'VE BEEN GETTING THAT FROM YOUR
25 STAFF-- YOU AND YOUR STAFF NOW TWICE IN THE LAST MONTH, IT'S



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1 SAME TEST, I GUESS, AND I THINK YOU'VE GOT TO BE-- I THINK YOU
2 JUST NEED TO BE THINKING ABOUT WHAT ALL THAT MEANS. AT THE END
3 OF THE DAY, IT'S NOT ABOUT POSITIONING VIS-A-VIS C.M.S. OR THE
4 GENERAL FUND OR ANYTHING ELSE, IT'S ABOUT-- IT WOULD MEAN THAT
5 THE QUALITY OF CARE TO OUR PEOPLE WILL HAVE BEEN SO
6 SUBSTANDARD AND SO INFERIOR THAT WE NOT ONLY HAVE-- WILL HAVE
7 LOST OUR ACCREDITATION, WHICH WE'VE ALREADY LOST, BUT WE NOW
8 WILL HAVE LOST THE FUNDING AND WE MAY, AT THAT POINT, LOSE OUR
9 LICENSING ALSO AND THAT WILL SOLVE EVERYBODY'S PROBLEM BUT
10 THAT MAY NOT COME BACK TO BACK OR SIMULTANEOUSLY AND I THINK
11 THAT'S AN ISSUE FOR ME-- THAT'S A VERY BIG ISSUE. SO I'D
12 APPRECIATED IT, IN THE FUTURE, IF YOU WOULD KIND OF-- WHEN YOU
13 GIVE OPTIONS, BE A LITTLE MORE COMPREHENSIVE SO THEY'RE...

14

15 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, AND I THINK YOU'LL SEE THAT IN
16 OUR REPORT IN TWO WEEKS. I WOULD JUST SAY THAT I WOULD NOT
17 ANTICIPATE THAT I WOULD COME TO YOU WITH THE IDEA THAT WE
18 WOULD CONTINUE TO FUND AN UNACCREDITED HOSPITAL. I THINK, IN
19 MY DISCUSSIONS WITH C.M.S. ARE THEY COULD-- IF WE FAIL TO
20 PASS, LET'S-- IDEALLY, WE'LL PASS. BUT IF WE FAIL TO PASS,
21 THAT THEY COULD QUICKLY AND ABRUPTLY PULL THE FUNDING. THE
22 SECOND MIGHT BE THEY COULD TAKE THE FUNDING IN AN ORDERLY
23 FASHION AND THE THIRD WOULD BE THEY COULD CONTINUE THE FUNDING
24 WITH A COMMITMENT TO IN, IN AN ORDERLY AND REASONABLE TIME
25 FRAME, CONTRACT OUT THE OPERATION OF THE FACILITY. THOSE ARE



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1 ALL THINGS I'VE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH C.M.S. ABOUT AND THINGS
2 THAT THEY ARE DISCUSSING INTERNALLY IN C.M.S., SO THAT THEY
3 WOULD HAVE OPTIONS AS WELL AND I HOPE THAT, YOU KNOW, WE CAN
4 MAKE SURE THAT ALL THOSE ARE-- I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER
5 TO MAKE SURE THOSE ARE POSSIBILITIES.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST LAST QUESTION, AND IT'S A VERY SIMPLE
8 QUESTION, I JUST A "YES" OR "NO" ANSWER, I THINK IT PIGGYBACKS
9 ON WHAT SUPERVISOR KNABE ASKED A MOMENT AGO BUT THIS IS ON THE
10 OTHER ITEM, ON THE KING-- ON THE DREW UNIVERSITY. IS IT YOUR
11 STATEMENT TO US THAT THERE IS NOTHING INCONSISTENT ABOUT YOUR
12 RECOMMENDATION ON DREW UNIVERSITY AND THE AFFILIATION
13 AGREEMENT THERE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION YOU MADE TO US IN
14 AUGUST THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF OUR BEILENSEN HEARING. IN OTHER
15 WORDS, IF YOU GET RID OF OB AND PEDIATRICS AND NEONATAL ICU,
16 IS IT CONSISTENT WITH THE KIND OF AFFILIATION AGREEMENT THAT
17 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT WITH DREW UNIVERSITY?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ABSOLUTELY, YES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THEY WOULD NOT HAVE A RESIDENCY PROGRAM
22 AT M.L.K., AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER FOR NEONATAL, O.B. AND
23 PEDIATRICS IF THAT'S THE DECISION THAT THE BOARD MADE?

24



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IT WOULD NOT HAVE INPATIENT, O.B. THEY
2 COULD HAVE OUTPATIENT AND INPATIENT GYNECOLOGY ROTATIONS OR
3 OUTPATIENT PEDIATRIC ROTATIONS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT NOT INPATIENT PEDIATRIC AND NOT
6 INPATIENT-- NOT NEONATAL I.C.U.?

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** COULD I JUST FOLLOW UP ON MY...

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY, GO AHEAD AND FOLLOW UP AND THEN MS.
15 BURKE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** AS IT RELATES TO THE BEILENSON PROCESS, I JUST
18 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND WHERE I'M COMING FROM
19 WITH THE ANSWERS I WAS LOOKING FOR, NOT ONLY SPECIFIC TO WHAT
20 YOU RECOMMENDED BACK IN AUGUST BUT SOME OF YOUR
21 RECOMMENDATIONS INSIDE THIS REPORT AS IT RELATES TO
22 CONTINGENCY PLANS, AS IT RELATES TO C.M.S. PULLING FED FUNDS
23 OR J.C.A.H.O. RELATIONSHIPS, THAT WOULD REQUIRE MULTIPLE
24 BEILENSON HEARINGS. AND THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING FOR, NOT JUST
25 IN REGARDS TO YOUR SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU GAVE US



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1 IN AUGUST THAT WE SET THE BEILENSON HEARINGS BUT THERE'S A
2 POTENTIAL FOR CONTINGENCY PLANS INSIDE YOUR REPORT HERE THAT
3 WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL BEILENSON HEARINGS. AND I'M NOT SURE,
4 AS ONE HERE, THAT I WANT TO HAVE A BEILENSON HEARING EVERY
5 OTHER MONTH AND I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, SO WHAT I'M LOOKING
6 FOR IS SOMETHING FROM YOU THAT IS THE TIMING OF THIS CORRECT?
7 ARE WE HOLDING THE BEILENSON HEARING TOO EARLY OR TOO QUICKLY?
8 THESE POTENTIAL, BACK TO BACK BEILENSON PROCESSES, DO WE NEED
9 TO WAIT? SO...

10

11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING NOW.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANYTHING.

14

15 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** OKAY. I GET YOU NOW, YES.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT TAKES YOU, AFTER THE BEILENSON
18 HEARING, A NUMBER OF WEEKS TO IMPLEMENT THOSE DECISIONS
19 BECAUSE, AFTER THE BEILENSON HEARING, YOU HAVE TO GO BACK AND
20 DO AN ANALYSIS AND THEN COME BACK BEFORE THE BOARD.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND DO ANOTHER HEARING.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DO ANOTHER HEARING AT THE BOARD...

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** DO ANOTHER HEARING.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, AS A RESULT OF THAT, IF WE CONTINUE TO
4 DELAY THAT ACTION, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE C.M.S. IN JANUARY
5 AND YOU'RE HAVING THE OTHER ACCREDITATION ISSUES ABOUT THE
6 SAME TIME AND THEN WE ARE LEFT DEFENSELESS ON HOW TO
7 IMMEDIATELY TAKE ACTION AND SPEED IS OF THE-- AND...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THAT NOT CLEAR? IS THERE SOMETHING
10 UNCLEAR ABOUT THAT? IT IS CLEAR?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK IT'S CLEAR.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. MS. BURKE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT,
17 THOUGH, IS THAT, IF WE HAVE THE BEILENSEN HEARINGS, IT'S YOUR
18 INTENTION TO CARRYING OUT THE PLAY OF REMOVING PEDIATRICS AND
19 O.B. WITHIN WHAT TIME FRAME?

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** TWO MONTHS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THAT, WHEN J.C.A.H.O. CAME OUT, THERE WOULD NOT
24 BE PEDIATRICS THERE OR O.B.?

25



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** AND, IN TERMS OF DREW, THERE-- WHEN A.C.G.M.E.

4 COMES OUT FOR THE INSTITUTIONAL, THERE WOULD NOT BE A

5 DEPARTMENT THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THAT INSTITUTIONAL AS

6 IT RELATES TO OB/GYN OR WOULD THEY CONTINUE WITH THEIR OB/GYN

7 DEPARTMENT?

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK WE WOULD HAVE-- WE WOULD HAVE

10 OB/GYN, PRIMARILY GON COMPONENT, WE WOULD HAVE PEDIATRICS AND

11 I KNOW THAT THE UNIVERSITY IS WORKING HARD TO ESTABLISH

12 RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER HOSPITALS FOR THE INPATIENT OBSTETRIC

13 AND OUTPATIENT OBSTETRICS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THE MEDICAL SCHOOL WOULD GO ON WITH THEIR

16 ACCREDITATION IN THOSE AREAS?

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** HOWEVER, THE HOSPITAL WOULD NOT PROVIDE ANY

21 SERVICES IN THOSE AREAS?

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT, JUST THE ONES-- JUST THE

24 OUTPATIENT PEDS AND...

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** JUST THE OUTPATIENT.

2

3 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AND GYN, BOTH IN AND OUT.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, IF YOU GO DOWN THE ROAD OF A CONTRACT
6 HOSPITAL WITH THE PEOPLE YOU'RE TALKING TO, HOW LONG DOES IT
7 TAKE TO GET AN ACCREDITATION OF A HOSPITAL, BASED UPON THEIR
8 TAKING IT OVER?

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THIS THE CONTRACTING OUT THING YOU MEAN?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** YES, YOU CONTRACT IT OUT. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO
15 GET-- WELL, YOU HAVE TO GET ALL OF THOSE THINGS? YOU'RE GOING
16 TO HAVE TO HAVE J.C.A.H.O. AND THEN, I ASSUME, IF YOU'RE
17 PLANNING TO GET ANY MONEY FROM C.M.S., THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE
18 TO COME OUT AND THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE A DETERMINATION
19 AND I ASSUME THAT YOU HAVE TO RESTRUCTURE ALL OF THE
20 HOSPITAL'S APARTMENTS THAT PROVIDE SERVICE. HOW LONG DOES IT
21 TAKE TO GET THAT CONTRACT HOSPITAL ACCREDITED?

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T KNOW. WE'LL ADDRESS THAT IN OUR
24 REPORT. I DON'T...

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** OR LICENSED, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET IT
2 LICENSED? WE'VE SEEN A COUPLE OF NEW HOSPITALS COME UP OR
3 RESTORING OF HOSPITALS THAT CLOSED DOWN IN LOS ANGELES AND HOW
4 LONG DID IT TAKE FOR THEM?

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, I DON'T KNOW.
7 WE WILL RESEARCH THAT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW ABOUT CALIFORNIA HOSPITALS REOPENING OF
10 THE TRAUMA, HOW LONG DID THAT TAKE?

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THAT'S A DIFFERENT THING. I'M TALKING-- WHAT
13 ABOUT TAKE MIDWAY TAKING OVER OLYMPIC, TURNING TO OLYMPIC. DID
14 SOMEONE ELSE BUY CENTURY CITY HOSPITAL?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. SOMEONE BOUGHT CENTURY BUT IT WAS
19 CLOSED DOWN AT THE TIME THEY BOUGHT IT, RIGHT? HOW LONG DID IT
20 TAKE FOR CENTURY CITY TO GET LICENSED AND OPENED?

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK WE'LL NEED TO LOOK AT THIS WITH
23 SOME DETAIL BECAUSE THERE'S ISSUES OF TRANSFERRING LICENSES
24 VERSUS RELINQUISHING AND REAPPLYING AND SO FORTH SO...

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT J.C.A.H.O. IS SOMETHING THAT IS BASED UPON--
2 IT WAS A YEAR-- LESS THAN A YEAR. AND OLYMPIC TO-- MIDWAY TO
3 OLYMPIC, I THINK, WAS AT LEAST A YEAR. YEAH. PERHAPS LONGER.

4
5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AND ONE OF OUR FIRST LEGAL ANALYSIS WAS
6 IN THE NINE-MONTH TO A YEAR RANGE FOR EVERYTHING.

7
8 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK MIDWAY CLOSED BUT, AT ANY RATE, SO YOU'RE
9 GOING TO GET THAT INFORMATION TO US BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME
10 THAT'S GOING TO BE VERY IMPORTANT WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
11 THIS CONTRACTOR COMING IN AND TAKING OVER THE HOSPITAL. AND I
12 ASSUME THAT THEY HAVE TO ALSO GET THE J.C.A.H.O. APPROVALS.

13
14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

15
16 **SUP. BURKE:** AND J.C.A.H.O., WOULD THEY COME OUT IMMEDIATELY OR
17 DO THEY TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COME OUT IN ROTATION TO MAKE A
18 REVIEW?

19
20 **DR, BRUCE CHERNOF:** IN GENERAL, SUPERVISOR, IT WOULD TAKE A
21 MINIMUM OF FOUR MONTHS BECAUSE THEY WANT TO SEE TIME AND PLACE
22 FOR POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES AND SO THE MINIMUM PERIOD OF TIME
23 THAT WE WOULD NEED TO SHOW IS IN THAT RANGE, THE ORGANIZATION
24 TAKING OVER THE FACILITY WOULD NEED TIME TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS
25 SO THAT THEY COULD SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS OUR START



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1 POINT, HERE'S TIME AND PLACE, FOR ALL OF THOSE ACTIVITIES,
2 POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES, SYSTEM, WHATNOT THAT WE ARE SAYING
3 J.C.A.H.O. TO REVIEW.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, WE DO HAVE SOME UNINSURED PATIENTS THERE,
6 ABOUT HOW MANY DO YOU THINK IN THE HOSPITAL AT THIS POINT
7 INPATIENT ARE UNINSURED?

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE RUN ABOUT 45, I THINK, TO 50--
10 AROUND 45% UNINSURED. I THINK KING'S ABOUT AVERAGE FOR OUR
11 SYSTEM.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** AND HOW MUCH DO YOU ESTIMATE IN YOUR COST YOU'RE
14 GOING TO HAVE TO PAY TO THIS CONTRACT COMPANY FOR THE
15 UNINSURED?

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, I...

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** I KNOW YOU'VE MADE THOSE FIGURES. I MEAN, I'M SURE
20 THAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU LOOK AT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WOULDN'T KNOW BY TALKING TO THEM.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I WOULD ASSUME THAT, IF I WAS TALKING ABOUT
25 CONTRACTING WITH SOMEONE, THE FIRST THING THE CONTRACTOR WOULD



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1 ASK ME IS HOW MUCH ARE YOU PREPARED TO GIVE ME FOR THOSE 45%
2 OF YOUR PATIENTS THAT ARE THERE. IF I WAS GETTING READY TO
3 SIGN A CONTRACT WITH YOU, THAT'S THE FIRST THING I WOULD ASK
4 YOU.

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE A NEGOTIATED
7 NUMBER.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, BUT I ASSUME THAT THEY HAVE SOME IDEA AND
10 SOME NUMBER IN MIND.

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE COULD GET YOU A FAIRLY PRECISE
13 NUMBER IF WE PAID EXACTLY MEDI-CAL RATES. THAT'S PROBABLY THE
14 BEST ESTIMATE, BECAUSE ANYONE COULD DO THAT CALCULATION. I
15 DON'T KNOW OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD BUT WE'LL BRING-- WE'LL
16 INCLUDE THAT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** WHO IS MAKING THOSE CALCULATIONS? IS MR. JANSSEN
19 DOING THEM?

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NO, NO. OUR FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** WELLS IS DOING THEM?

24



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. WE CAN GIVE YOU THE COST OF, IF
2 WE BILLED MEDI-CAL, OF THE UNINSURED IN OUR FACILITY.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, BEFORE YOU BILL MEDI-CAL-- YOU WOULD BE
5 BILLING MEDI-CAL FOR THE PATIENTS WHO ARE BEING SEEN SOMEWHERE
6 ELSE, RIGHT? OR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO SEE THEM GOING TO
7 BE BILLING MEDI-CAL?

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NO, I'M JUST USING THAT AS A METRIC TO
10 ASSESS THE, YOU KNOW, A STARTING POINT...

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT YOU'RE BILLING MEDI-CAL NOW.

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NO. FOR THE UNINSURED, WE DON'T BILL
15 MEDI-CAL, THEY'RE NOT ELIGIBLE, THEY'RE-- I.E., THEY'RE
16 UNINSURED. SO WE WOULD-- BUT WE COULD USE-- WE HAVE THE DATA,
17 I BELIEVE, TO ASK WHAT WE WOULD EXPECT TO GET BACK FROM MEDI-
18 CAL FOR THEM, WHICH IS KIND OF A METRIC OR A PRICE RANGE TO
19 START WITH TO CALCULATE WHAT THEIR COSTS MIGHT BE.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** IF THEY WERE-- YOU WOULD USE A MATRIX THAT HOW
22 MUCH YOU WOULD EXPECT TO GET FROM MEDI-CAL IF, IN FACT, THOSE
23 UNINSURED WERE MEDI-CAL?

24

25 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT, EXACTLY. EXACTLY.



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1

SUP. BURKE: NOW, WHAT IS THE ADDITIONAL COST TO TAKE AWAY FROM
YOUR PRESENT OPERATION WHERE YOU DO DEPEND UPON RESIDENTS? I
ASSUME, UNLESS YOU'RE MOVING THE PATIENTS, THOSE UNINSURED
PATIENTS INTO ANOTHER FACILITY THAT WILL RELY ON RESIDENTS,
WHAT ARE THOSE COSTS? ARE YOU CALCULATING THOSE IN IT? BECAUSE
SOME OF THEM, IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SOME OF THE FACILITIES
AND CONTRACTING AMOUNT, ARE THEY DISCUSSING THAT IT WOULD BE
CONTRACTED OUT AS A TEACHING HOSPITAL OR A NONTEACHING
HOSPITAL?

11

DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE: WELL, THOSE ARE THE DISCUSSIONS WE'RE
LOOKING AT. CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST, OTHER THAN THE
UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS, HAS MORE RESIDENTS IN THEIR CALIFORNIA
SYSTEM THAN ANY OTHER HOSPITAL SYSTEM, SO THEY ARE ASSOCIATED
WITH MANY RESIDENCY PROGRAMS IN THE HOSPITALS THAT THEY RUN IN
CALIFORNIA.

18

SUP. BURKE: BUT THE ONES THEY RUN IN LOS ANGELES, NOT ONLY ARE
THEY NOT TEACHING HOSPITALS, THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO TERMINATE
THE ONE TEACHING DEPARTMENT THEY HAVE, WHICH IS FAMILY
MEDICINE, RIGHT?

23

DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE: THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, YES, IN
CALIFORNIA.

25



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1

2 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. SO WHERE-- DO THEY HAVE A TEACHING HOSPITAL
3 IN LOS ANGELES OR IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA?

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T KNOW BUT WE'VE HAD-- THE
6 PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WE HAD IS THAT, MY UNDERSTANDING IS
7 THAT THEY RUN, OF ALL THEIR CALIFORNIA HOSPITALS, THAT THEY
8 HAVE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF RESIDENCY PROGRAMS IN THEM.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** LIKE WHERE?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AS PART OF THE DISCUSSION. I DON'T KNOW
13 ALL THEIR HOSPITALS IN THE REST OF THE STATES.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MS. BURKE, IN THEIR REPORT, THEY SAID THAT
16 THE CONTRACTING OUT FRAMEWORK IS GOING TO BE DEVELOPED, COULD
17 BE DEVELOPED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, WHICH I THINK WOULD
18 PROBABLY ANSWER SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS. SO I DON'T THINK
19 YOU'VE EVEN BEGUN TO DEVELOP IT, RIGHT?

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BECAUSE, IN HERE, YOU DON'T SAY WILL BE,
24 COULD BE DEVELOPED AND I AGREE WITH YOU, I MEAN, BECAUSE
25 THAT'S THE OPTION...



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1

2 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I JUST WONDER IF, IN THE DEVELOPMENT, THESE
3 ARE ISSUES THAT ARE BEING DISCUSSED.

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ABSOLUTELY.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAD A HARD TIME GETTING NUMBERS FOR RANCHO,
8 REMEMBER?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** REMEMBER? REMEMBER THEM? WELL, THAT'S WHY
11 I'M ASKING. I THINK THAT-- THIS MOTION IS GOING TO BE
12 CONTINUED BUT I THINK IT'S VERY UNCLEAR...

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VERY UNCLEAR.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ...TO YOU WHAT WE WANT. I THINK THAT MR.
17 ANTONOVICH...

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE ALL WANT THE SAME THING.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, WE WANT INFORMATION, INFORMATION
22 FROM WHICH YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE DECISIONS. MS. BURKE IS
23 EXPRESSING SOME ISSUES ABOUT THE CONTRACTING OUT PORTION. YOUR
24 REPORT HAS THREE SENTENCES ON IT, OKAY? THEY WERE LOOKING INTO
25 IT AND WE COULD CREATE SOMETHING BY THE END OF THE YEAR, YET



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1 YOUR REPORT THAT YOU ARE BRINGING IS ONE OF THE OPTIONS IS
2 CONTRACTING OUT. WE'RE HAVING A BEILENSON, SUPPOSEDLY, ON ONE
3 OF THOSE OPTIONS, RIGHT? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS ASKED SOME
4 QUESTIONS, AGAIN, THAT WHAT HAPPENED, SO WHAT IS THE PLAN? OUR
5 REPORT, THIS REPORT IS SORT OF LACKING IN THAT KIND OF DETAIL,
6 AT LEAST TO GIVE US THE ASSURANCES THAT WE HAVE A BACKUP PLAN
7 AND THAT'S THE CONCERN HERE. THE OTHER PART IS TIMELINESS. AND
8 I WORRY ABOUT THIS. EITHER YOU HAVE A REPORT THAT WE CAN READ
9 WITH ENOUGH TIME BEFORE WE DISCUSS IT OR NOT. GETTING THIS
10 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WAS NOT A MOST COMFORTABLE SITUATION FOR
11 MOST OF US, SO WE'RE CONTINUING THIS ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS? COULD
12 WE WORK ON MAYBE GETTING IT THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE? I MEAN, IT
13 JUST GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO AT LEAST UNDERSTAND IT.
14 OTHERWISE, WE'RE GOING TO BE IN THE SAME SITUATION AGAIN. I
15 MEAN, WE REALLY DO HAVE TO HAVE ISSUES ADDRESSED ON THIS. ONE
16 OF THE THINGS THAT YOU SAID THAT YOU DID AND YOU'D MENTIONED
17 IT TO US THE LAST TIME, THAT YOU CONDUCTED A MOCK J.C.A.H.O.
18 IS THERE ANY REASON THAT YOU CAN'T SHARE THIS WITH US OR WHAT
19 THE OUTCOME WAS? I MEAN, THEY LET US KNOW IF WE'RE AT LEAST
20 GETTING CLOSE TO SAFETY ISSUES OR ISSUES OF PATIENT CARE. IF
21 IT DOES VIOLATE SOMETHING OR IF THERE'S A CONCERN THAT IT
22 WOULD BE A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND YOU MIGHT NOT WANT IT TO BE, I
23 APPRECIATE THAT, BUT MAYBE SOMEWHERE WHERE WE COULD DO A
24 CLOSED SESSION ON IT, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S POSSIBLE BUT I
25 JUST KNOW THAT, IF YOU DID A MOCK J.C.A.H.O., I'D LIKE TO KNOW



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1 WHAT THOSE OUTCOMES ARE BECAUSE, IF IT WAS GREAT, THEN YEAH.
2 IF IT WAS SO-SO, THEN I THINK WE NEED THREE MORE MOCK
3 J.C.A.H.O.S BEFORE THE REAL J.C.A.H.O. HAPPENS BECAUSE I
4 REALLY WOULD LIKE IT TO PASS.

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT. I'VE PROVIDED AT LEAST SOME
7 BRIEF COMMENTS TO YOUR BOARD AND WOULD ACTUALLY THINK A--
8 BECAUSE IT'S 1157, PROTECTED, A CLOSED SESSION WOULD BE MOST
9 APPROPRIATE. IF YOU'RE WILLING, WE'D LIKE TO SCHEDULE THAT.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU KNOW, I CAN'T HELP BUT SAY THIS, THAT, YOU
12 KNOW, WHEN WAS THE LAST J.C.A.H.O. THAT THE HOSPITAL PASSED
13 WITH 92? WHAT YEAR WAS THAT? WAS THAT THREE YEARS AGO?

14

15 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I BELIEVE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PROBABLY THE '80S.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, IT WAS NOT, IT WAS THREE YEARS AGO.

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ABOUT THREE YEARS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** THREE YEARS AGO, THAT HOSPITAL WAS PASSING
24 J.C.A.H.O. WITH A 92.

25



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK THE 92 WAS AFTER CORRECTION BUT
2 I THINK IT DID PASS WITH-- YEAH.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** WITH A 92 AND IT PASSED. YOU KNOW, I JUST-- I HAVE
5 TO WONDER WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THOSE YEARS AND WHEN WE'RE
6 TALKING ABOUT THREE YEARS, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT 10 YEARS,
7 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THREE YEARS. WHAT HAPPENED IN THOSE THREE
8 YEARS?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, MAYBE THEY-- MAYBE J.C.A.H.O. FOCUSED
11 A LITTLE MORE INTENTLY, AS THIS BOARD HAS, IN LIGHT OF CERTAIN
12 DEVELOPMENTS. I DON'T THINK IT TAKES A ROCKET SCIENTIST TO
13 FIGURE THAT OUT. THAT WAS MY CRITICISM OF J.C.A.H.O. FROM THE
14 BEGINNING. THEY'VE BEEN-- I DON'T THINK-- I AGREE WITH THE
15 SENTIMENT BEHIND YOUR STATEMENT. I THINK THAT-- I THINK
16 EVERYBODY WAS ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH.

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ONE THING THAT'S HAPPENED...

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, YOU'RE SAYING THAT J.C.A.H.O. DID NOT...

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAS ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** WAS ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, I AM.

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3 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT REALLY AND EVERY TIME THEY HAD-- EVERY TIME
4 THEY WENT THROUGH IT. BUT, YOU SEE, THERE WERE-- WHEN YOU LOOK
5 AT...

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THEY WENT FROM ZERO TO 60 IN TWO
8 SECONDS. I MEAN, I THINK WE HAD THIS DISCUSSION AT THE BOARD
9 AT THAT TIME. YOU REMEMBER THE LETTER THAT THAT CHAIRMAN OR
10 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF J.C.A.H.O. SENT OUT TO EVERYBODY AND
11 IT BLASTED EVERYBODY EXCEPT J.C.A.H.O., WHICH ITSELF HAD
12 PASSED KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER SEVERAL TIMES. DIDN'T ASK TO
13 BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR OVERSIGHTS BUT WAS HOLDING
14 EVERYBODY ELSE IN THE PROCESS APPROPRIATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR
15 THEIR OVERSIGHTS. I THINK EVERYBODY HAD A SHARE OF THE
16 RESPONSIBILITY HERE AND ASSUMING, ASSUMING THAT THERE ARE
17 PROBLEMS AT THE HOSPITAL, AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S A MATTER OF
18 DEBATE, I THINK THEY WERE ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH, AS WERE A LOT
19 OF OTHERS.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I MEAN, IT'S NOT A MATTER THAT THEY JUST
22 WALK THROUGH AND SAY OKAY, IT'S A MATTER THAT EACH ONE OF
23 THESE THINGS IS ITEMIZED AND REVIEWED AND IN TERMS OF THEIR--
24 AS THEY GO THROUGH. I MEAN, NOW, I HAVE HEARD THAT, IN 2004,
25 THEY CHANGED THE QUALITY-- THE STANDARD FOR PUBLIC HOSPITALS



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1 AND THAT ALL PUBLIC HOSPITALS HAD A DIFFERENT STANDARD. NOW,
2 THAT, I THINK THAT EVERYONE AGREES THROUGHOUT THIS SYSTEM AND
3 OTHER SYSTEMS BUT 2003, BETWEEN 2003 AND 2004, THE ISSUES AND
4 THE THINGS THEY LOOKED AT WERE-- THERE WERE ADDITIONAL THINGS
5 BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY WERE THAT GREAT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MS. BURKE, THAT WAS ON MY TIME.

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. YOU KNOW, I CAN'T TALK BUT LIKE A
10 CERTAIN NUMBER OF MINUTES BUT OTHER PEOPLE TALK HERE FOR 25
11 MINUTES!

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MS. BURKE, I DID CALL ON YOU AND YOU
14 FINISHED.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. OKAY. BUT ALL I'M SAYING IS, YOU KNOW, I
17 DON'T THINK I TAKE AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME IN MY...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DID NOT SAY THAT YOU DID TAKE-- MS.
20 BURKE, I WAS ON MY TIME AND YOU INTERRUPTED ME. NOW, I WILL GO
21 BACK AND GIVE YOU YOUR TIME AND THEN I'LL TAKE IT AGAIN. I LET
22 EVERYBODY SPEAK AND THEN I SPOKE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. LET ME SAY THIS. I'M FINISHED NOW BUT I DO
25 EXPECT TO GET THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME THAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE



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1 WHENEVER THEY DISCUSS THIS ISSUE. I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR ON
2 THAT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MS. BURKE, IT IS YOUR TIME, YOU'RE
5 ENTITLED TO ALL THE TIME YOU WANT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'M FINISHED.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BACK TO MY POINT.

10

11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** JUST IF I COULD A BRIEF COMMENT,
12 BECAUSE I THINK, YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE JOINT
13 COMMISSION ALL THE WAY FROM BEING A CHIEF OF STAFF AND A
14 PHYSICIAN TALKING TO SURVEYORS WHEN THEY COME OUT THROUGH
15 ANOTHER ORGANIZATION AND THIS ONE. AND ONE THING I WOULD SAY
16 THAT JOINT COMMISSION FOCUSES ON POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. THEY
17 HAVE MOVED, OVER THE YEARS, THEY KEEP MOVING TOWARDS ARE THOSE
18 ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTED? IF I GO-- IF WE GO TO THE-- WE START IN
19 THE FRONT LINE IN AN ACTIVE CHART, NOT PULL A BUNCH OF CHARTS
20 THAT HAVE BEEN BUFFED UP BY THE MEDICAL RECORDS, WE ARE THE
21 FRONT LINE TODAY'S PATIENT, LOOK AT THAT PATIENT, START THERE,
22 ASK THE STAFF, DO THEY KNOW THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES? ARE
23 THEY ABLE TO CARRY IT OUT DAY-TO-DAY? CAN YOU FIND
24 DOCUMENTATION IN THIS LIVE RECORD THAT PEOPLE ARE
25 COMMUNICATING AND ASSESSING THE PATIENT WELL AND IT'S



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1 DOCUMENTED? IT'S A DIFFERENT PROCESS AND IT'S GETTING TIGHTER
2 AND TIGHTER, THERE'S GREATER PRESSURE BECAUSE OF THE NATIONAL
3 ATTENTION TO HOW UNSAFE HOSPITALS REALLY ARE, AND SO THINGS
4 HAVE CHANGED. AND SO I THINK IT'S-- WE FEEL IT IN ALL OF OUR
5 FACILITIES, THE TENSION IS GREAT, THERE'S A DIFFERENCE IN THE
6 WAY THAT THEY COME OUT AND INSPECT HOSPITALS TODAY I THINK
7 THAT'S HEALTHY, BUT WE'RE ALL ADJUSTING TO THAT. KING DREW
8 HAD, FOR WHATEVER REASON, FOR, YOU KNOW, MANY POLICIES THAT
9 WEREN'T ACTUALLY BEING CARRIED OUT, YOU KNOW, THAT WE FOUND A
10 LOT OF POLICIES WHERE THE ACTIONS WEREN'T FOLLOWING THE POLICY
11 AND A LOT OF OUR EFFORTS IS GETTING THE RIGHT POLICIES AND
12 GETTING EVERYONE ATTUNED AND ABLE TO FOLLOW THOSE DAY-TO-DAY.
13 SO I THINK THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND, DR. GARTHWAITE, I THINK THAT'S A GOOD
16 THING. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, ALL AUDITS SHOULD BE DONE FROM THE
17 POINT OF SERVICE, NOT LIKE, YOU KNOW, LET'S TAKE OUT THE RULE
18 BOOK AND SEE IF THERE ARE RULES BECAUSE IT DOESN'T MEAN
19 ANYTHING IF THE IMPLEMENTATION ISN'T THERE. SO IT'S PROBABLY A
20 GOOD THING. BUT, AGAIN, THAT DEALS WITH THESE TWO ISSUES AS
21 WELL. ONE OF THE THINGS-- AND WE'RE CONTINUING ITEM 31 AS
22 WELL, IS GETTING A RECOGNITION AS TO WHETHER DREW REALLY IS
23 LOOKING AT WHAT ISSUES WERE NOT BEING ADDRESSED AND THEIR
24 REPORT IS NOT AS ADEQUATE AS IT COULD BE IN SOME OF THESE
25 AREAS AND I THINK, DR. CHERNOF, YOU AND I HAVE TALKED, YOU GOT



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1 TO LOOK AT WHAT WENT ON. WHY WASN'T THIS WORKING? I THINK I'VE
2 ASKED THIS QUESTION AGAIN, WHETHER IT BE TO CONTRACTING AND
3 THE OTHER CONTRACT THAT HAS BEEN CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS. JUST
4 BECAUSE YOU REWRITE A NEW CONTRACT DOESN'T MAKE THINGS OKAY
5 BECAUSE, IF YOU DIDN'T LOOK AT THE MONITORING OF THAT
6 CONTRACT, IF YOU DIDN'T LOOK AT HOW WE WERE DOING, SO IT'S AN
7 IMPORTANT THING TO PROBABLY DO OUR OWN ASSESSMENT FROM THE
8 STANDPOINT HOW J.C.A.H.O. IS DOING IT. AT THE POINT OF
9 SERVICE, IN THE DELIVERY, FROM PATIENT CARE UP, IT IS PROBABLY
10 A GOOD IDEA TO TEST OURSELVES IN THAT REGARD INSTEAD OF
11 SAYING, DO WE HAVE ALL THE WRITTEN RULES? AND DO WE HAVE
12 PEOPLE THAT KNOW THE RULES? AND WHAT YOU'LL SAY IS YOU'RE
13 GOING TO GET A LOT OF "YES" PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY BUT, INSTEAD
14 OF CREATING A J.C.A.H.O. ASSESSMENT FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW
15 WOULD PROBABLY BE VERY HELPFUL. I KNOW, FOR MYSELF, IN ORDER
16 FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT CHANGES OR
17 PROGRESS, IS I HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, DID YOU ANALYZE WHAT WENT
18 WRONG? AND, I MEAN, I AM SEEING AND EVEN SOME OF THE ISSUES
19 THAT ARE BEING RAISED ABOUT CIVIL SERVICE THAT, WHEN YOU'RE
20 TALKING ABOUT SOME OF THESE POLICIES THAT ARE BEING
21 RECOMMENDED THAT BE CHANGED, AND I THINK IT WAS IN THE DREW
22 REPORT WHERE THEY OUTLINE THOSE THINGS, THESE ARE YOUR OWN
23 POLICIES, THESE ARE NOT CIVIL SERVICE POLICIES. AND, AGAIN,
24 YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY STARTS WORKING FROM A SET OF
25 MISINFORMATION. AM I INCORRECT ON THAT? SO I THINK THAT PEOPLE



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1 NEED TO GET AN UNDERSTANDING AS TO EVALUATE HOW THE SYSTEM
2 WORKS, NOT NECESSARILY FROM, YOU KNOW, AND I DON'T KNOW THAT
3 THEY'RE DOING THAT. BECAUSE IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT CIVIL
4 SERVICE DOESN'T REQUIRE THAT ANY DISCIPLINE ACTION GO THROUGH
5 AUDIT FIRST, WHICH IS WHAT DREW ASSUMED IN THEIR CHANGE
6 RECOMMENDATION TO YOU, CORRECT?

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PAGE WHATEVER, LINE 14. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
11 DID SOMEBODY READ IT?

12

13 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** NO, NO, NO, NO, THEY DID MAKE THAT
14 ASSUMPTION.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU DID MAKE THAT ASSUMPTION AND THAT'S AN
17 INCORRECT ASSUMPTION BECAUSE IT'S NOT A CIVIL SERVICE RULE. SO
18 WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT PEOPLE NEED TO LOOK AT HOW ARE THINGS
19 WORKING AND SO I THINK THAT'S THE CASE AS WELL ON SOME OF THIS
20 STUFF. BUT I GUESS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS CONTINUANCE
21 IS, DR. GARTHWAITE, WE WANT TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF
22 WHERE YOU ARE ON THIS. WE ARE CONCERNED AS TO WHAT OUR OPTION
23 WILL BE. THERE HAS TO BE PATIENT CARE FOR THOSE PATIENTS AND
24 SO, CONSEQUENTLY, WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS? AND IF WE COULD GET IT
25 WITH MORE TIME, WE SURELY WOULD APPRECIATE IT. AND I'M GOING



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1 TO LEAVE IT TO DAVID JANSSEN AS TO WHEN HE CAN SCHEDULE A
2 CLOSED SESSION WITH REGARD TO J.C.A.H.O. I'M CONCERNED AND I
3 THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, MR. FORTNER, IF WE COULD. I
4 THINK IT WOULD BE A WORTHWHILE DISCUSSION AND I CAN UNDERSTAND
5 WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE A PUBLIC ITEM AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THOSE
6 ARE SENSITIVE ISSUES THAT WOULD NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. SO, IF
7 THERE'S NO PROBLEM, I'LL JUST INFORMALLY ASK YOU TO SCHEDULE
8 THAT IN CONCERT WHEN MR. GARTHWAITE IS READY TO PRESENT THAT
9 TO US BECAUSE I KNOW I WOULD LIKE THAT RESPONSE AND,
10 HOPEFULLY, MR. ANTONOVICH AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN CLEAR ABOUT THE
11 EXPECTATION OF THIS REPORT WHEN IT COMES BACK IN A TIMELY
12 MANNER. THANK YOU. WE HAVE ROBERTA...

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE QUESTION: WHEN WILL I RECEIVE THE
15 INFORMATION I HAD REQUESTED YOU WERE GOING TO GIVE TO ME
16 RELATIVE TO GIVING US THAT INFORMATION AS TO WHO HAS SIGNED
17 OFF ON THE CONDITIONS OF-- APPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF THE
18 OPERATING ROOM AND THE MENTAL HEALTH WARDS AT KING DREW?

19

20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I BELIEVE WE PROVIDED THAT TO YOUR
21 OFFICE LATE YESTERDAY. I THINK SO. IF NOT, I HAVE A COPY.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** CAN ALL OF US GET A COPY?

24

25 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SURE.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE DR. ROBERTA BRUNI WHO
3 WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US. IS SHE STILL HERE? NO? SHE HAS LEFT?
4 ALL RIGHT. THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN CONTINUED, ITEM BOTH 31 AND
5 32, SO, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, WE'LL JUST CONTINUE THOSE
6 ITEMS. ALL RIGHT. I THINK THE LAST ITEM WE HAVE BEFORE I GO
7 ONTO THE OTHERS FOR ADJOURNMENTS, ITEM 24? ITEM 24. AND WE
8 HAVE MR. ROBINSON. MR. ROBINSON, IF YOU'D JOIN US.

9

10 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MADAM CHAIRWOMAN, MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON,
11 NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZER, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT IN
12 HOLLYWOOD. I PRESENTLY RESIDE IN ROOM NUMBER 014 AT THE 7 STAR
13 MOTEL. I SUPPORT YOUR DETERMINATION TO ASSIST THE COUNTY'S
14 PUBLIC LIBRARY. MA'AM, BECAUSE YOU HAVE SAID THE INCREASING
15 COSTS OF FUEL, SERVICES LIKE THE TYPEWRITERS CAN BE KEPT,
16 ASSISTING WRITERS LIKE MYSELF WHO DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN, AS
17 WELL AS THE LIBRARY'S COPIERS. WHAT WORRIES ME IS THE
18 INCREASING NUMBER OF HOMELESS FOLKS CAMPING ON THE PROPERTY
19 AFTER THE LIBRARY CLOSES DOWNTOWN. SOME DAY, WITH THE HELP OF
20 A COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND TREATMENT SERVICE DOWNTOWN, A
21 FACILITY WHICH WILL TAKE THOUSANDS OF FOLKS OFF THE STREET AND
22 POLICING THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS POPULATION WILL BE LESS
23 PROBLEMATIC. ALSO, THE READY AVAILABILITY OF SEX SITES ON THE
24 WORLDWIDE WEB MAKES THE COUNTY AN UNWILLING PARTICIPANT IN THE
25 MISEDUCATION OF SOME OF THE YOUNG FOLKS WHO MISUSE THE



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1 LIBRARY'S COMPUTERS, PORNOGRAPHY IS BEING BROUGHT UP ON THE
2 COUNTY'S LIBRARY COMPUTERS. IF YOU DO NOT BEGIN THE PROCESS OF
3 REBUILDING RESPECT FOR MORALITY WITHIN THE COUNTY'S 88 CITIES,
4 DECLINING MORAL VALUES WILL DECLINE FURTHER BECAUSE OF
5 INCREASING NUMBERS OF SEX SITES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
6 THE VENEER OF CIVILIZATION IS ONLY SKIN DEEP. PORNOGRAPHY IS
7 AT ALL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LEVELS. SEX IS SACRED. WITHIN THE
8 BONDS OF MATRIMONY, SEX STRENGTHENS THE FAMILY BUT OUTSIDE OF
9 THE BONDS OF MATRIMONY, SEX IS A SIN. THE FEAR OF ARREST WILL
10 STOP MOST WHO WOULD BREAK THE LAW FROM ABUSING THE COUNTY'S
11 LIBRARY'S COMPUTERS. IT'S NOT ONLY COMMON SENSE, IT'S MORALLY
12 WRONG. THIS IS NOT THE ONLY SOLUTION, BUT A LIBRARIAN LOOKING
13 OVER A YOUNG PERSON'S SHOULDER OR WHOEVER, PERIODICALLY MAKING
14 THEIR PRESENCE KNOWN, WILL STOP MOST LAW BREAKERS. MA'AM, IN
15 MY RESIDENCE, BECAUSE OF THE LEGALITY OF PORNOGRAPHY, PARDON
16 MY RIGHTWING UPBRINGING, BUT, BECAUSE OF THE... ..(CLEARING
17 THROAT)... INCREASING AMOUNT OF PORNOGRAPHY IN THE COUNTY, IN
18 MY RESIDENCE, THE OWNER HAS BECOME A VICTIM OF THOSE TYPES OF
19 PEOPLE WHO MISUSE HIS PROPERTY FOR OTHER ILLEGAL PURPOSES,
20 DRUG DEALING AND PROSTITUTION. CLEANING UP THE LIBRARY--
21 CLEANING UP THE LIBRARIES IS A SINGLE STEP BUT THERE'S A
22 CHINESE PROVERB, A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS BUT WITH
23 A SINGLE STEP. THANK YOU.
24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. ROBINSON. ALL RIGHT. ITEM
2 24 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT
4 ITEM. ALL RIGHT. ON ADJOURNMENTS, I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN TODAY IN
5 THE MEMORY OF A C.H.P. OFFICER BY THE NAME OF DAVE ROMERO. HE
6 WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY LAST WEEK. OFFICER ROMERO HAD
7 SERVED WITH THE C.H.P. FOR 23 YEARS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
8 WIFE, SANDRA, THEIR 5 CHILDREN, AUSTIN, WINDSOR, VANESSA,
9 VICTOR AND DAVID. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
10 NOT ONLY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS BUT CERTAINLY ALL OF HIS
11 COLLEAGUES AT THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL. ALL MEMBERS,
12 PLEASE. ALL RIGHT. MS. BURKE, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
15 THE MEMORY OF OSIEL HIPOLITO, WHO IS A U.S. NAVY IRAQ WAR
16 VETERAN, WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED ON SEPTEMBER 3RD WHILE
17 SHOPPING WITH HIS FAMILY IN EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ NEAR
18 COMPTON. THE FAMILY WAS ACCOSTED BY GANG MEMBERS WHILE
19 SHOPPING. HIS WIFE, BROTHER AND UNBORN CHILDREN-- UNBORN CHILD
20 WERE WOUNDED. HE WAS 20 YEARS OLD. AND ION POPOVICI, WHO
21 PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.
22 HE WAS AN INFORMATION SYSTEM ANALYST II, INFORMATION
23 TECHNOLOGY DIVISION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR. HE LEAVES
24 TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, SUSIE POPOVICI. AND REVEREND
25 OZIAS MARSHALL, JR. WHO WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND



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1 DISTRICT AND PASTOR OF ALMIGHTY FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST
2 CHURCH WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 9TH AT THE AGE OF 61. HE
3 WAS A CROSSING GUARD FOR THE L.A. COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL
4 DISTRICT. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE OF 50
5 YEARS, SISTER BETTY JEAN ANDERSON MARSHALL AND THREE
6 DAUGHTERS, TERRY, VICKY AND KATHY. I THINK SOMETHING THERE IS
7 WRONG. REGINALD V. JOYNER. HE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE
8 SECOND DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2005. HE
9 WAS EMPLOYED BY THE SEPIA COMPANY AND HE WAS A MEMBER OF
10 CALVARY TEMPLE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH. HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE
11 MCDONALD GOSPEL FEST, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF YOUNG MUSICIANS AND
12 THE MULTICULTURAL MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION. HE IS SURVIVED
13 BY HIS MOTHER, SCOTTIE J. MAY, AND TWO SISTERS, LYNN AND LISA.
14 THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNMENTS.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.
17 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? NO ADJOURNMENTS? SUPERVISOR KNABE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO,
20 OBVIOUSLY, ALL MEMBERS ON OFFICER ROMERO BUT JUST A PERSONAL
21 NOTE. OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS THE SECOND OFFICER AT THE SANTA FE
22 SPRINGS STATION AND OFFICER ROMERO HAD HELPED US ON MANY
23 OCCASIONS DURING OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AND HELPED THE COMMUNITY
24 CENTERS. GREAT INDIVIDUAL. AND SO HE'LL BE SORELY MISSED. ALSO
25 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT TOWNSEND. HE WAS THE



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1 BELOVED GRANDFATHER OF BRIANNA BLACKMAN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN
2 IN MEMORY OF KEN ROBINSON, A LONG-TIME FRIEND, PASSED AWAY
3 RECENTLY. HE'LL BE SORELY MISSED BY HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY. HE
4 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KERRY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
5 OF SAM FIELDS, A RESPECTED DEEJAY RADIO ANNOUNCER AT K-JAZZ
6 SINCE 1990 AND BEFORE THAT AT KKGO. HE PASSED AWAY
7 UNEXPECTEDLY LAST WEEK. HIS VOICE, INSIGHT AND HIS GREAT
8 MUSICAL TASTE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL OF US WHO KNEW HIM,
9 BOTH ON AND OFF THE AIR. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, LINDA,
10 BROTHER-IN-LAW SUMMER, SUMMER, A NIECE AND NEPHEW, A SISTER
11 AND BROTHER AND SEVERAL FAMILY MEMBERS IN HOUSTON. ALSO THAT
12 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OPAL BEADLE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
13 AGE OF 93. SHE HAD THE FLAIR FOR EVERYTHING SHE DID, COOKING,
14 DRESSING, SENSE OF HUMOR. SHE WAS A VERY OUTSPOKEN PERSON AND
15 ALSO A GREAT STORYTELLER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE NIECES.
16 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY "JINNY" DESMOND, THE
17 FORMER LONG BEACH CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
18 AGE OF 91. VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND, IN 1936, SHE
19 MARRIED GERALD EDWIN DESMOND, FORMER LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL
20 MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR. SHE'S GOING TO BE REMEMBERED FOR HER
21 IMAGINATIVE INTERPRETATION OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND HER GREAT
22 STORYTELLING. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN MARGARET,
23 KATHLEEN, EILEEN, GERALD AND PATRICIA, 14 GRANDCHILDREN AND 7
24 GRANDCHILDREN. EXCUSE ME, 7 GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE
25 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BENITO ESPARZA, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF



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1 WILMINGTON, HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN CIVIL RIGHTS AND STARTED AN
2 IMMIGRATION SERVICE BUSINESS IN WILMINGTON THAT HELPED MORE
3 THAN A THOUSAND PEOPLE, HALF OF WHOM EVENTUALLY BECAME U.S.
4 CITIZENS. HE WAS THE WILMINGTON CIVITAN CLUB CITIZEN OF THE
5 YEAR 1969 AND ORGANIZED MANY CAMPAIGN EVENTS FOR THE LATE
6 CONGRESSMAN GLEN ANDERSON DURING HIS 24 YEARS IN OFFICE. HIS
7 SON, DAVID, WAS QUOTED IN THE LONG BEACH PRESS TELEGRAM AS
8 SAYING HE WAS VERY HONEST, VERY ETHICAL. HE NEVER COMPLAINED.
9 HE WAS DEALT A BAD HAND. HE NEVER SAID A BAD WORD ABOUT
10 ANYONE. HE WAS VERY DIPLOMATIC, HE VERY RESPECTED AND
11 RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS, DAVID AND
12 BEN, DAUGHTERS, SYLVIA AND LYDIA, HALF BROTHER, RUBEN AND HALF
13 SISTER, STELLA, TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT GRANDSON. ALSO
14 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT WARLICK, A PROFESSIONAL
15 BASKETBALL PLAYER AND EXECUTIVE FOR A FORTUNE 500 COMPANY WHO
16 ALSO A VERY ACTIVE PHILANTHROPIST. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
17 OF 64. HE WAS A NATIVE OF LONG BEACH AND EARNED A UNIVERSITY
18 BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP TO THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER AND ALSO
19 EARNED ALL AMERICAN AND NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE
20 YEAR TITLES. HIS FINAL COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL STOP WAS
21 PEPPERDINE AND HE WAS INDUCTED INTO PEPPERDINE'S HALL OF FAME
22 IN 1980. HE PLAYED SIX SEASONS OF PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL FOR
23 DETROIT PISTONS AND OTHER TEAMS. FINALLY, THAT WE ADJOURN IN
24 MEMORY OF JOSEPH JOHN YOUNG, A LONG-TIME SOUTH BAY RESIDENT
25 WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 4TH. HIS FIRST JOB WAS AS A



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1 LONGSHOREMAN AND HE WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH U.S.C., GRADUATED
2 WITH A B.S. IN EDUCATION IN '57 AND A MASTER'S IN '62. HE
3 EVENTUALLY BECAME A TEACHER, VERY ACTIVE IN WYATT EVANSTON IN
4 WILMINGTON. HE WAS PRINCIPAL OF DEL ALMO AVENUE AND A MATH
5 TEACHER AT HARBOR. HE RETIRED FROM THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL
6 DISTRICT AND FOUNDED HIS OWN FIRM, YOUNG AND ASSOCIATES. HE
7 WAS VERY ACTIVE U.S.C. ALUMNUS AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED. HE
8 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LORRI, SONS, JOE, MICHAEL, CHRIS AND
9 ROB, HIS DAUGHTER, JULIE, AND HIS TWO GRANDCHILDREN.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. OKAY.
12 THE LAST IS PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE. MR. ROBINSON,
13 DID YOU WANT TO-- YOU'RE IN PUBLIC COMMENT ALSO, AS WELL AS
14 KENNETH H. BONNELL. MR. BONNELL, PLEASE JOIN US. DO YOU WANT
15 TO BEGIN, MR. BONNELL?

16

17 **KENNETH H. BONNELL:** MY NAME IS KENNETH H. BONNELL. I LIVE IN
18 EAGLE ROCK. I'VE BEEN PAST PRESIDENT OF ATHEIST UNITED AND AM
19 A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ATHEIST UNITED IS
20 A 503 C 1 ORGANIZATION AND I SPEAK REGARDING THE-- YOU'RE
21 VOTING TO HAVE A BRIEF PREPARED SUPPORTING THE SACRAMENTO
22 SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ITS EFFORTS TO CONTINUE RECITATION OF THE
23 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WITH THE WORDS "UNDER GOD" INTACT. YOU
24 SHOULD BE AWARE THAT, IN 1954, AFTER AN INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN,
25 THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, A ROMAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS



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1 ORGANIZATION, CONVINCED CONGRESS TO PASS A BILL ADDING THE
2 PHRASE "UNDER GOD" TO THE PLEDGE AND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER
3 SIGNED IT INTO LAW. EISENHOWER SAID, UPON SIGNING IT, "FROM
4 THIS DAY FORWARD, THE MILLIONS OF OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL
5 DAILY PROCLAIM, IN EVERY CITY AND TOWN, EVERY VILLAGE AND
6 RURAL SCHOOLHOUSE, THE DEDICATION OF OUR NATION AND OUR PEOPLE
7 TO THE ALMIGHTY." EISENHOWER AND CONGRESS KNEW THAT STATE
8 EDUCATION CODES IN LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULATIONS REQUIRED
9 RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE AND ON A DAILY BASIS. THEY KNEW THAT
10 THE REVISED PLEDGE WOULD BE A DAILY PROCLAMATION OF THE
11 DEDICATION TO GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, IMPOSED UPON OUR SCHOOL
12 CHILDREN. THEY KNEW THAT TEACHERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO TEACH
13 THEIR CHILDREN TO SAY THIS RELIGIOUS PROCLAMATION AND NOT TO
14 QUESTION IT. WHAT THEY DID WAS TO ESTABLISH A RELIGIOUS
15 PRACTICE CONTRARY TO THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF OUR CONSTITUTION.
16 HISTORY SHOWS THAT "UNDER GOD" HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH
17 INSTANCES OF CEREMONIAL DEISM, WHICH YOUR COUNSEL, IN HIS
18 BRIEF, WILL PROBABLY REFER, NONE OF WHICH IMPOSE THROUGH
19 STATUTES RECITATION UPON PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN AND ITS
20 SPARSENESS ALLOWS NO REFERENCE TO THE RELIGIOUS HERITAGE OF
21 OUR COUNTRY. THE 9TH CIRCUIT COURT HAS RULED TWICE THAT THE
22 PHRASE "UNDER GOD" IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD RESPECT THOSE RULINGS. ANY
24 QUESTIONS?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. ROBINSON?

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3 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MADAM CHAIRWOMAN, MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON.

4 GALILEO SAID THAT HE DID NOT FEEL OBLIGED TO BELIEVE THAT THE

5 SAME GOD WHO HAS ENDOWED US WITH SENSE, REASON AND INTELLECT

6 HAS INTENDED US TO FOREGO THEIR YOUTHS. 2ND TIMOTHY 3:16.

7 MA'AM, A CLEVER PERSON COMMITS NO MINOR BLUNDERS AND

8 BLUNDERING SO STUPIDLY TUESDAY BEFORE LAST, I NOT ONLY

9 INSULTED MYSELF, I DID A DISSERVICE TO A PERSON I DEEPLY

10 RESPECT, PARTLY FROM A SENSE OF SELFISHNESS. MY MOTHER'S

11 MOTHER WAS BORN IN HOPE, ARKANSAS, SENATOR CLINTON'S HUSBAND'S

12 BIRTHPLACE, BUT PRIMARILY BECAUSE I AM A REPUBLICAN WHO IS

13 STRUGGLING TO HELP OUR PRESIDENT RETURN THAT TYPE OF

14 PATRIOTISM WHICH WILL REINVIGORATE NOT ONLY THE GRAND OLD

15 PARTY, THE G.O.P., BUT ALSO RETURN TO THE PARTY OF LINCOLN,

16 THE JEFFERSONIAN PATRIOTISM THAT NOT ONLY-- IT DOESN'T

17 APOLOGIZE FOR NATIONALISM. LET ME DIGRESS FOR A SECOND HERE

18 AND SAY THAT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

19 DOES DEFEND OUR FREEDOM OF RELIGION. PARDON ME. OUR TWO PARTY

20 SYSTEM IS UNDER ATTACK BECAUSE IT WORKS. THERE ARE FORCES

21 FOREIGN TO OUR UNIQUE WAY OF LIFE, OUR UNIQUE VISION OF RIGHT

22 AND WRONG. MOST AMERICANS HAVE BECOME ALIENATED FROM

23 PARTICIPATION IN OUR CONSTITUTIONALIZED PARLIAMENTARIAN SYSTEM

24 OF GOVERNMENT WHICH SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SAID IS BETTER THAN

25 ALL THE OTHERS. THE SECOND WORLD WAR WAS ARMAGEDDON. DRAGON



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1 FLIES SHOOTING-- SPITTING FIRE. THOSE 7 YEARS OF TRIBULATION
2 WERE THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH, THE HOLOCAUST WAS THE RAPTURE
3 OF THE CHURCH. THE ANTICHRIST, THE ANTI-SEMITIC POPE. HITLER
4 WAS JUST A STOOGE. WE WERE INSTRUCTED TO SHORTEN THOSE DAYS OF
5 TRIBULATION. HOW, BY ELECTING OUR GOLDEN, OUR ENDEARED GANDHI,
6 OUR MARGARET THATCHER, HILLARY CLINTON, WHO IS WAITING IN THE
7 WINGS WITH THAT CLEAR VISION THAT WILL HELP US BUILD THE
8 GLOBAL VILLAGE JUST LIKE HEAVEN. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEFENDS US AND OUR RIGHT TO RELIGIOUS
10 BELIEF, RELIGIOUS BELIEF. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. ROBINSON. ALL RIGHT. THAT
13 CONCLUDES OUR MEETING. WE HAVE A CLOSED SESSION AND OUR
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ APPROPRIATE SECTION FOR US TO GO
15 INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
18 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-
20 1, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION
21 OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, AND CONFER WITH
22 LABOR NEGOTIATOR, MICHAEL J. HENRY, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, AS
23 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ALSO, THERE IS NO MEETING ON
24 OCTOBER 4, 2005. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005, AT 9:30 A.M. THANK
2 YOU.

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4 [PAUSE]

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** JUST A CORRECTION ON THE TIME FOR THE
7 SCHEDULING OF THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 11TH. THE MEETING IS
8 SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 1:00. THANK YOU.

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1 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-
2 1, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS,
3 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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